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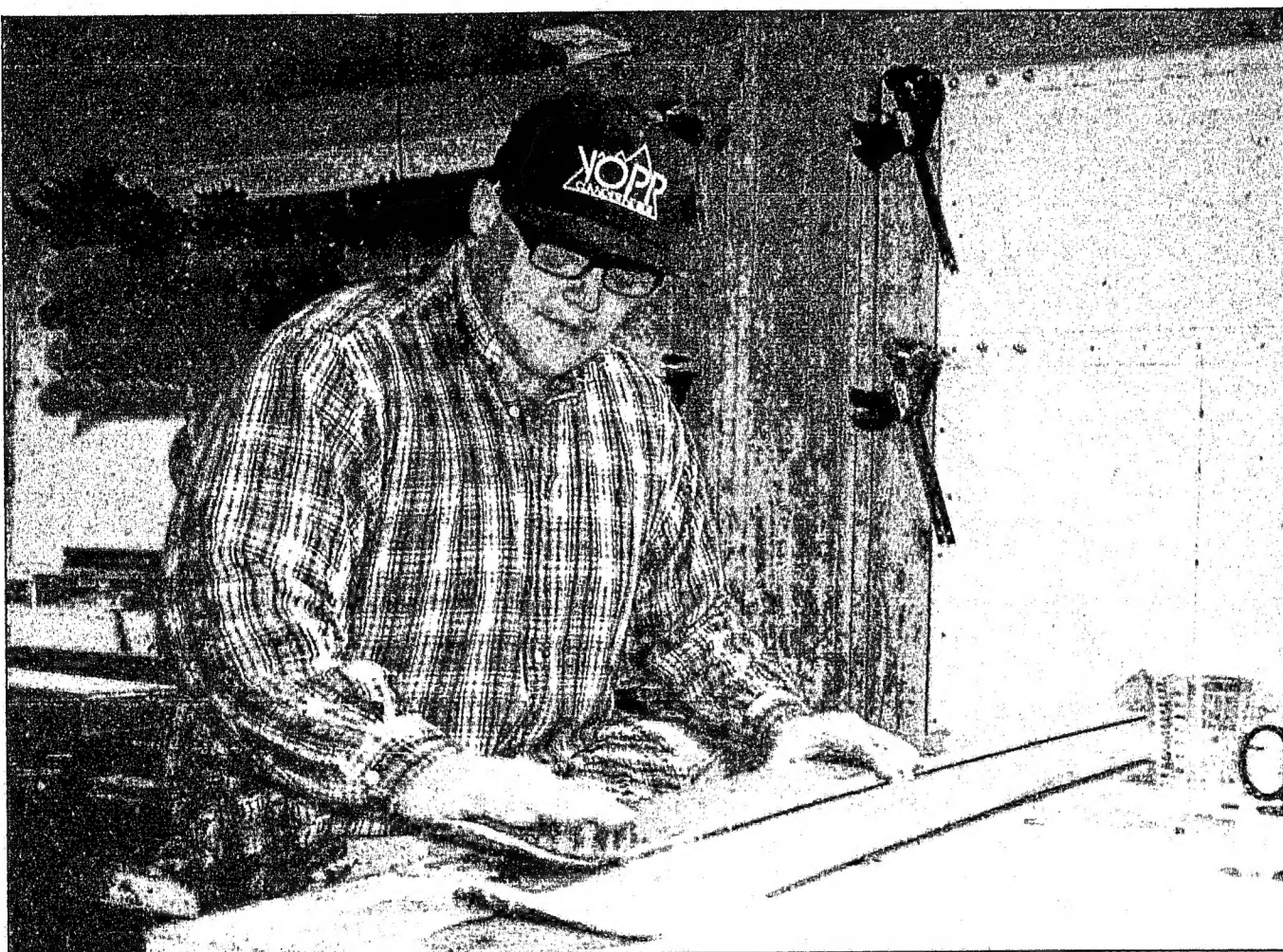
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Toby Winkler sands a YOPP ski.

A. Aloisio

When they're not at sea, engineers are building their own ski company

BY ALISON ALOISIO

About five years ago Toby Winkler, now of Bethel, was reading about a process to manufacture skis.

A marine engineer and graduate of Maine Maritime Academy - as well as a lifelong woodworker and tinkerer - Winkler said, "I could do that."

And when his friends laughed at him, he said, "It sparked me."

Winkler, 30, didn't proceed with caution.

"I ran my skis through a table saw to see how they were built," he said.

His younger cousin, Jake Bracy, 24, "jumped in the deep end. He cut up his skis, too," said Winkler.

Bracy is also a marine engineer and like his cousin, graduated from Maine Maritime Academy. He was just out of high school when they began experimenting

with ski-making.

They are from Standish and York, respectively, and grew up skiing at Sunday River.

Years of college and many trips to sea later, the two are now living in Bethel and honing their manufacturing technique to put "YOPP Clandestine Skis" into commercial production within the next year.

"We moved up here to really go at this thing," said

Winkler. They work on building their business when they are home from Merchant Marine duty.

The unusual name of the company is an acronym for "Ye Olde Perkins Place," a family property in Cape Neddick where their great grandfather built wood products.

As they experimented over the years, the young

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Developer: 'We haven't forgotten' the Gehring House

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The developer of the currently-idle Gehring Green project in Bethel says he still plans to go forward with a development there, but work has been delayed while he seeks funds to finance it.

Paul Boghossian received initial approval from the Bethel Planning Board in

2010 for the Gehring House Apartments and Condominiums, located off Broad Street. The project was designed to incorporate the historic 1896 Gehring House, along with several acres of adjacent land, into apartments and condominiums.

Dr. John Gehring was well known for treating patients for nervous disorders, be-

ginning in the late 19th century. His clients included many wealthy patients.

Boghossian is particularly known in Maine for rehabilitating the historic Hathaway Mill in Waterville a decade ago. The Hathaway complex now houses apartments office and retail space.

On Friday he said of the Gehring project, "We're

looking to go forward. Getting financing is a challenge. I will likely have to self-finance it."

He said he regretted that the project has not yet been developed.

When financing becomes available, said Boghossian, he expects to return to the Planning Board for a permit. The original permit

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BASKETBALL COURT WORK UNDERWAY-Volunteers have completed the rough grading of gravel that was hauled in with town trucks (with the Selectboard's permission, using volunteer drivers) to prepare the base for a new basketball court on the Bethel Pathway, behind Dunkin' Donuts. Recreation Committee member Todd Wheeler estimates that a total of \$20,000 in donated labor and materials has been contributed so far. A total of \$22,000 in actual cash donations is needed to complete the project, to pay for asphalt and basketball hoops, he said. So far approximately \$8,000 has been raised. Volunteers hope to complete the project in time for next summer. Anyone wishing to contribute to the effort is asked to contact the Bethel Town Office. A. Aloisio

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Andover school plays it forward

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

"Music is one of the very few activities that use a hundred per cent of the brain," said Pete Coolidge.

"And nothing will pique the interest of a child in playing an instrument more than playing along with someone."

Thanks to Coolidge's vision, and the generosity of donors who have stepped up to help fund an expanded instrumental music program, the entire fourth and fifth grade class at Andover Elementary School ends each week with a guitar lesson from music teacher Duncan McFarland.

Endless possibilities

After Andover withdrew from SAD 44 this year to form its own school department, Coolidge, a lifelong resident of the town and the owner of Pete's Hardware, recognized the opportunity for increased volunteer participation in education.

A self-described "back porch musician," he said he decided to devote donations from the popular local concert series he started two summers ago to creating an elementary school folk music program.

He also heads up an ongoing campaign to raise the remainder of the funds needed to purchase instruments, instruction books, and other supplies.

To date, the program has been able to provide 11 new Yama-

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Teen with Newry roots seeks hunting "Grand Slam"

BY LESLIE DIXON, SUN MEDIA

In the early light of a warm morning earlier this month, 14-year-old Denali Barker and her mom crept along Patterson Hill in Lovell.

They spotted a bull moose some 30 yards ahead.

Pulling the trigger of her 7 millimeter 08 rifle, Denali dropped her first bull moose at 7:20 a.m.

"She's cutting it up right now," Denali said as she answered questions on the telephone while her mom, Sharon Barker, dressed the moose she shot on Nov. 2, the first day of moose hunting in this area.

Sharon won one of 2,740 moose permits issued this year by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, gaining her access in Region 15, which covers a large part of Oxford County to shoot one moose, beginning Nov. 1.

It took Denali, the subpermittee, less than two hours to find and kill her first moose.

Denali, who lives in Norway See Grand Slam, Page 2

Region 9 combats the decline in volunteer firefighters

BY BRUCE FARRIN, SUN MEDIA

An event to help combat the epidemic decline in volunteerism, specifically the fire service, was held on Nov. 8 at the Region 9 School of Applied Technology.

Utilizing eight different stations to test firefighting skills, an adult academy of 18 candidates along with several students spent a day going through the skills test to complete their training to become public servants.

"Did you know that the average age of a volunteer firefighter is 54 years old now?" noted Jon Longley, a Region 9 Fire Science instructor and a Paris firefighter.

"To help combat our shortages, I train the youth as well as adults to become credentialed firefighters," he said, which was the purpose of this academy.

Because there's such a shortage of volunteers, Longley said, "A group of us that are credentialed instructors at the national level said, 'Look, let's combat this problem somehow.'"

"So my piece is to get youth interested. That's how I got over here. My other people said they liked training the youth and they came over and said let's do an adult academy," he said.

"So we started off with 25 people and we ran them right through the same thing that these students do, and when they get done with their final test, they'll be credentialed I and II firefighters, which can never be taken away," said Longley.

He said he had a "dream team of people" who stepped forward to help.

"And everybody's a volunteer. I volunteer my time. Every one of my staff here, we get absolutely nothing other than a thank you," said Longley.

For this academy, the second See Firefighters, Page 3

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Letters

THANKS TO THS FROM A VETERAN

To the Editor:

I would like to thank John Walker, Telstar High School senior class president, and his remarkable support team, for their sensitively designed program to recognize and honor our veterans. It was presented with great thoughtfulness and sensitivity, and received with deep appreciation. Soooo-Thank you, John, and all who contributed to such a heart-warming tribute.

Sylvia Clanton, veteran
Newry,

DECISIONS ARE OPEN

To the Editor:

Each week I look forward to reading Don Bennett's column on historical points of interest regarding Bethel's past. I thank him for the time and effort he puts into this service. However, he did this town and the selectmen a huge disservice by inferring that the selectmen may try to sneak through a decision without a town vote regarding the future of the Ethel Bisbee School. Why, of course, there will be a town vote. Mr. Bennett should have asked and he would have saved himself a great deal of concern and the concern of the Bethel readership as to the selectmen's intention.

In my four years on the board as a selectman I've never seen any 'sneaking' going on. Business done by the selectmen is very transparent and done before everyone interested enough to attend the advertised meetings.

Pat Carter
Selectman
Bethel

COME TO BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

To the Editor:

The Crescent Park Fifth Grade class will be hosting Breakfast with Santa and a Silent Auction on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Crescent Park cafeteria and gymnasium. Santa will be arriving at Crescent Park School about 8 a.m., greeted by the CPS choir. Hot breakfast will be available from 8:30 to 10 a.m. (\$5 per person) and pictures with Santa until 11 a.m. (\$5 for a 5"X7 photo). Take advantage of the Value Deal for \$20, which includes breakfast for five people, one 5"X7 Santa photo and five raffle tickets. Please come and support the Fifth Grade class with their fundraising efforts to raise money for their educational overnight trip to Boston!

We have been fortunate to receive wonderful items for our silent auction. Please come Christmas shop with us! Auction items will include: ski tickets, rounds of golf, themed holiday baskets prepared by the Fifth Grade classes, massages, a variety of gift certificates from local businesses, and many more exciting items! The action will end at 12 p.m.

We would like to thank the following businesses that have generously donated to date: Sunday River, Bethel Inn, The Law offices of Gregory Files, Black Mountain of Maine, The Good Food Store, Smokin' Good BBQ, Nabos, Cannon Mountain, Barker Brook Kennels, Northern Home Care & Seasons Surface Cleaning, We've Got the Look, Norway Soft Serve, L.L. Cote, Homeslice Pizza, Funky Red Barn, Mahoosuc Kids Association, Pat's Pizza, Theresa Rainey LMT, The Local Hub, Stoney Brook Recreations, IGA, Moon Dance Farm, Grafton Notch Campground, Pooch Corner Farm, The Gem Theater, Mollycoddle Motel, Every Body Yoga and Barre, Cross Excavation, Bethel Citizen, Jades, Rite-Aid, Sport Thoma, Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, Bethel Bait and Tackle, Breaux's Too, Mt. Abram and Roosters.

Also, anyone that has ordered a wreath from the Crescent Park School Fifth Grade class - they will be available for pick up between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. at Crescent Park School.

Colleen Files, for the CPS 5th Grade

FOOTBALL BOOSTERS THANKS

To the Editor:

The Telstar Football Boosters would like to sincerely thank all those in the community who supported our players during the 2015 season. This season we were fortunate to have a new snack shack. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help prepare and sell food. Many thanks for our other game day volunteers including those who helped with field set up, down markers, 50/50, parking lot, ticket sales, and announcer. We certainly appreciated all the local businesses donations and donations from our football families.

We were very pleased with the turnout at our recent Dance Fundraiser that took place at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. Many thanks to our bands, The Ball Brothers and the Wayback Machine, those who donated to our silent auction, and all those who came out to enjoy their night and support Telstar Football (Youth and High School).

Our bottle bins at the Mallard Mart and the Black Diamond Steakhouse are helping us out a lot with the ongoing costs of purchasing equipment to keep our program up and running. A big thank you to all those who have contributed.

We are looking forward to the 2016 Football Season. See you next fall.

Telstar Football Boosters
Doug Wilson, President

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IF YOU DON'T KNOW

To the Editor:

If you don't know: That this administration has cut the deficit in half, that all eight Republican chaired Benghazi committees exonerated Secretary Clinton and the administration for any culpability while not mentioning their own billion dollar cuts to embassy security, that the FBI and CIA have all stated unequivocally that nothing in the Secretary's emails was of national security concern or remember that Dick Cheney and President Bush wiped a couple of million private emails, or if you believe without a shred of evidence that undocumented immigrants voting is a concern but don't realize that two gubernatorial elections were likely rigged recently by hacked Diebold voting machines that leave no paper trail, if you believe that the IRS targeted conservative groups but don't know that the Republican committee investigating concluded that they did not, if you believe that President Obama is after your guns and yet you probably own more guns today than the day he was elected, if you believe the DNC knowingly hired one undocumented immigrant but have no trouble with the fact that your leading candidate built a real estate empire hiring untold numbers of them, and finally if you believe that this president is soft on terrorism but don't know that Bush's CIA director has recently revealed that Bush and Cheney intentionally ignored months of credible and very disturbing warnings before 9/11 to avoid leaving a paper trail, you MIGHT be a Fox News viewer.

Chandler McGrew
Bethel

From the Newry Deputy Town Clerk's Desk

BY KELLY SCOTT

We have received 15 resumes for the Town Administrator position. The Selectmen entered into executive session at the Nov. 16 meeting to go over the applicants. Interviews for the potential candidates will begin over the next two weeks.

The Newry town signs are finished. So you should see the welcoming new signs back in their respective places very soon! Thank you to Katlin Signs for doing a beautiful job.

Members of the Newry School Withdrawal committee attended a mediated negotiating session with SAD 44 on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Portland. There is another session planned for Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. in Portland. All public information regarding this process is available on our website at www.newrymaine.org and click on the Withdrawal Committee tab.

We have received the season pass paperwork from Sunday River for our SAD 44 Newry students. Please stop by the town office to pick up your forms. We want to give a big thank you to Sunday River for continuing this generous gift to our students.

The 2016 snowmobile registrations are available. The cost for Maine residents this year is \$46. Non-resident cost is \$100 for the season, \$76 for 10-days or \$50 for 3-days.

Don't forget to come register your dogs. The cost is only \$6 (spayed/neutered) or \$11. The late fee of \$25 will be assessed after Jan. 31, 2016. Just a reminder, a rabies clinic will be held Dec. 19 in Bethel 2 p.m.-4 p.m., \$15 cash only.

There will be an Open House for Loretta Powers on Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Newry Grange Hall from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Please come join us for refreshments and to wish Retta well in her next adventure.

The town office will be closing at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and we will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. We wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Here's your historical tidbit from the Newry Archives: In 1805, resident James Beatty chose the name Newry for the town. Mr. Beatty operated a potato whiskey still and as legend goes... he offered to "contribute" a certain amount of whiskey if the inhabitants would be willing to name the town after his old home-town in Ireland. Another interesting tidbit is that the early town meeting warrants were posted on that above mentioned whiskey still!

Until next time...stay informed, ask questions and get involved!

From State Sen. John Patrick

The meaning of Thanksgiving is simple: it is about being together and giving thanks. As we feast and celebrate this year, it is important to realize that while many have much to be thankful for, there are many others who are in great need.

Across our state far too many Mainers survive without a secure or steady income and struggle daily to meet their basic needs. In recent years, all-too frequent mill closures have had a devastating effect on many of our hard working communities, leaving hundreds of Mainers jobless through no fault of their own.

I have been a paper mill mechanic in Rumford for the past 35 years. While I have been fortunate enough to live in a town where Maine's pulp and paper industry continues to survive, far too many of our brothers and sisters have not been so lucky.

The mills in Lincoln and Old Town, in Bucksport and in East Millinocket, provided good-paying jobs to highly skilled employees. And it is deeply upsetting and saddening that so many hardworking people have been forced out of jobs in this region.

My heart goes out to all these communities that have experienced massive layoffs, and to all Mainers that have fallen on hard times. With so many families struggling to make ends meet, lending a helping hand during the holiday season is especially important.

One of the most immediate unmet needs of Maine families is hunger. When someone is consistently hungry, it affects every aspect of their life and can be especially disastrous for a child's health and education.

More than 200,000 people in Maine don't always get enough to eat and almost 90,000 K-12 public school students are food insecure. In Oxford County, more than 60 percent of our school children are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches because they're parents are struggling to make ends meet.

Many Mainers want to help, but don't know how. One great way supporting the local food pantries that help our neighbors in Oxford County. The Good Shepherd Food Bank is a statewide organization that distributes food to more than 600 pantries, soup kitchens, and community programs throughout Maine. You can visit gsfb.org or call 989-4672 to find out how to donate.

However you choose to lend a helping hand this year, whether that is by donating to a shelter, volunteering your time at a soup kitchen, or simply inviting a neighbor over to your Thanksgiving meal, know that even the smallest act of kindness can make a world of difference. Helping out those in need will make the load a little lighter for our struggling neighbors, and strengthen our state.

So as we celebrate this year, let's remember those who are in need, and express our gratitude for our own good fortune by giving back to our communities.

Grand Slam

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ad was searching for moose in the Five Kezars area in Lovell, said they saw the moose and shot it several times before it ran up over a hill and alongside a dirt road where a final shot finished off the 850-plus pound animal.

Then the real work began. While Denali's grandfather, John Barker, and dad, Nick, went to get the trailer, Denali gutted the moose to lighten the load. The guts are left in the woods for the coyotes, she said.

When the animal couldn't be winched onto a four-wheeler and trailer, the moose was tied off to a tractor and finally transported to the tagging station in Stoneham.

Denali said the family cut the meat themselves. The meat will be made into hamburgers and moose jerky for the family to enjoy, she said. The antlers will hang in her bedroom.

Denali went on her first hunt at two months old and by the time she was three years old, she was skinning beaver with a kitchen knife, according to her grandmother, Julie Daye of North Norway.

"Her great-great-grandfather (Jim Reynolds) was a silver fox and minx farmer at Sunday River. She inherited all those good traits," said Daye.

Denali's parents and grand-



BULL BAGGED — Denali Barker bagged her first moose in Lovell Nov. 2. Submitted photo

parents are all hunters.

Daye and her husband, Ed, are former residents of Newry and were the builders/owners of The Sunday River Inn in 1964. They lived in Newry for nearly six decades.

Denali's next goal is to shoot a bear for the Grand Slam of hunting. Denali is three-quarters of her way to making that goal. She has shot a moose, a deer (two days after the moose), a turkey, and now she is on the hunt for a bear, specifically a big black bear that she often sees in her backyard.

"I know there's one hanging out around my house, a black bear," she said. "This one's quite big," she said of the animal.

A freshman at Oxford

Hills Comprehensive High School, Denali is active in both her community and at the high school.

She volunteers as a member of the Finnish Society in West Paris and as a member of the Uptown Cruizers where she helps with the annual Cruise night and the car show. She also volunteers with the Norway Recreation Department swimming, skating, snowshoeing and bowling programs and plays the flute in the high school band.

She has traveled to Denali Mountain in Alaska and Finland with her grandmother.

She loves hunting. "Monday I had school but I wanted to shoot a moose," she said.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Workers from A.D. Electric installed warning lights at the intersection of Route 2 and the Parkway.

Members of the Bethel Lions Club made fruit baskets to deliver to former Bethel residents living at Ledgeview Living Center.

Deaths: Ernest Lee Knapp, Addie E. Feener, Henry M. Waisanen.

20 years ago: A modular medical building to house the Riverside Health Care Clinic was placed adjacent to dentist Dr. John Mason's office on the Northwest Bethel road.

The Cat in the Hat made an appearance at Books-N-Things in Bethel.

Carolyn "Carrie" Pike was installed as postmaster of Locke's Mills.

Births: Lance Alan Tyler, Justin Chadbourne Stearns.

Deaths: Ruth S. Costa, Virgil C. Curtis, Mildred C. Thomas.

30 years ago: Woodstock town official were considering proposal to change the current selectman form of government to a selectman/town manager form.

Well over 100 area residents attended the National Honor Society's senior citizen Thanksgiving Dinner at Telstar Regional High School.

Deaths: Asher H. Runnels, Thelma R. Conant.

40 years ago: Tammy Mills, Kathy Morey, Leilani Poland, Tom Wight, Scott Dennis, Richard Croteau, and Michael Jordan represented Telstar in the Western Maine Concert Festival at Rumford.

Forty-five members of the Andover Senior Citizens enjoyed a Thanksgiving supper.

Deaths: Mrs. Margaret E. Olson, Everett Enman.

50 years ago: Kevin Wight, Dave Thurston, Gene Tebbets, Eileen Saunders, Michael Chretien, and Ken Remsen enjoyed the first skiing of the season at Stowe, Vt.

The Goodall Tree Company had begun taking down diseased elm trees in Bethel. It was estimated the work would take about three weeks.

Births: Randall Alan Farrington, Tammy Sue Learned.

Deaths: J. Archer Verville, Roy A. Newton, Harry L. Buswell.

60 years ago: The homestead of Lon E. Wight in North Newry was badly damaged by a fire which was believed to have started around a chimney.

Icy roads caused a school bus driven by Dennis Robertson to slew sideways down a hill near the home of Fred Haines. Ashes provided by Mr. Haines enabled the driver to get the bus out of the road before any other vehicles came over the hill.

Deaths: Mrs. Clausie Herick, Lon E. Wight, Joel McLean, Mrs. James Uhlman.

70 years ago: Dr. and Mrs. G.L. Kneeland and family moved into their recently purchased home on Main Street.

Bethel Airport was opened for use. Two thousand feet of runway was cleared.

Death: Rev. Arthur Varley.

80 years ago: A "peat bog" was encountered in the road construction at South Bethel. The job was behind schedule, and a night crew was employed.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the "Morningstar Cottage" at Songo Pond. The property was owned by Pike & Cabot of Bridgton.

Birth: Adelaide Louise Storey.

Deaths: Mrs. Rose G. Eames, Dr. Herbert Francis Twitchell.

90 years ago: The Parent-Teacher Association's successful presentation of a three-act comedy, "Deacon Dubbs," at Odeon Hall, netted \$152.69.

"The Thief of Bagdad" starring Douglas Fairbanks was shown at Odeon Hall.

Mellie Dunham of Norway received an invitation from Henry Ford to go to Dearborn, Mich. to furnish fiddle music for an old time dance.

110 years ago: Mr. J.W. Kellogg of Nature Camp, North Newry, moved his family to Bethel for the winter.

A masquerade ball was held at R.W. Kilgore's hall, Newry, Thanksgiving evening.

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Firefighters

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one offered here, candidates were from Oxford, Norway, Paris, Otisfield, Mechanic Falls, Naples, Harrison and Hebron.

Cody Dux, a member of the Rumford and Bethel fire departments, provided a tour of the fire skill stations.

He began with what is called the Mayday simulator. There, instructor Dalton Bradley was instructing candidates to simulate the proper way to exit a window really fast when something like a floor gives way.

Next was the roof vent. With instructor Mark Blaquiere, the candidates, in rotations of three people, negotiated a simulated vertical and horizontal roof, simulating cutting a 4x4-foot hole to vent a roof.

Another prop included a maze of tunnels to crawl through, with things like wires and boards to negotiate past.

Instructor George Gardner was at a station where candidates had to go through a ladder inspection.

"They have to make sure the ladders are serviceable to use. Then they have to place the ladder on the trailer, making sure it's a safe distance away from the simulated power lines," he said.

"Once they get their ladder in position, we have them draw a card with a tool on it, and from the ladder, they

have to raise that to the roof," said Gardner.

He said a firefighter has to look for everything. "There's actually a verbal command we use to cue everybody to look. It's 'clear overhead.' You look to be sure it's clear, and then at least one member of the group will yell 'clear overhead' so everybody knows it's been checked and it's okay to raise or lower a ladder."

There's also a place where they practice tying their knots as well because they tie them to their tools.

Next, Dux went into a trailer used for search and rescue training - donated by a couple from Andover.

"You feel the door for heat, you sweep the floor, you sound the floor, do a left- or right-handed search. Sometimes, you might come in one way, but the floor might collapse on you or the ceiling block your way, so you have to go through a wall."

Dux said once they finish a station, they go to the command center to meet with Longley to get their next assignment, and to find out if they passed or failed at their last station.

He pointed out another drill where they check a hydrant, to make sure it works properly and that it hasn't been tampered with as people sometimes put items in the hydrant.

Then there was a place for hose loads, and various kinds of hose folds are practiced.

Next up is something called sprinkler evolution, where a candidate gets soaked after placing two wedges to act as a catch-all to stop/reduce the water flow.

The purpose of this is to get the water to not do any more damage to property at a fire call. They also practice using water chutes, used when doing mopup to run off most of the water, again so it doesn't harm property.

Instructor Stacy Blaquiere, assisted by Tim Haas, was in a classroom for fire prevention and the 911 simulator, to simulate the information the dispatcher takes with a mock 911 call, such as a plane crash, bus accident, woods fire, etc.

Blaquiere said they will be given a scenario, then disconnect, discuss the call with them, resources they need and whatever agencies need to get involved.

"After that, we discuss fire prevention. They need to hit on certain aspects of fire prevention, EDITH (Exit Drills in the Home), stop, drop and roll, fire prevention for children, adults and senior citizens," she said.

"We discuss in-home fire safety, smoke detectors, numbering houses, inside and outside hazards

and we even discuss what they would say if a citizen dropped in for a tour of the fire station," said Blaquiere.

Longley noted that the day went "well beyond expectations."

All 18 adult candidates passed their skill stations.

As for the high school candidates, he said, "They have been through all the evolutions multiple times and I placed those I felt were most confident 'in charge,' partnered with one of my instructors from our pool of talent."

Longley said the adults can now sit for the pro-board written test, which is offered by Maine Fire Service Institute, in conjunction with Southern Maine Community College. Those passing the 200-question written test will have a similar skills test to this one.

"Successful completion of both will equate to a professional Firefighter Certificate from the nationally recognized Pro-Board, college credits (up to 6) and a life-long credential which will never expire," he said.

Longley stressed that no taxpayer money was used to support this program.

The initial cost of \$100 per adult candidate was used to purchase their textbooks, which they will keep as a gift for completing the course.

Many partnerships were



Jon Longley (right) meets with candidates at the command center, who learn their next assignment and to find out if they passed or failed at their last station. B. Farrin

formed in organizing this course. Longley said praise needs to be given to all the programs at Region 9 as they all contributed in some fashion. Examples include the metal trades, which built the fire simulator; building construction built the ventilation prop; employability skills donated hours of student labor; culinary arts fed them, etc.

"It truly was an entire 'village' supporting our vision," said Longley.

He said high school students learned from this experience in ways unimaginable; partnering adults with students strengthened core values and created mentoring bonds that could not have been achieved otherwise.

"We're fortunate to have this (fire science) program here because we are getting the youth involved, getting the training that the career firefighter would do. They're actually shadowing the adult academy that I'm teaching currently. They're helping them out," Longley said.

Dux also assists Longley with the Region 9 Fire Science program.

He said he was in the fire science program at Region 9 during his sophomore and junior years in high school.

"I've seen this program go from nothing to where we are today. We've got a fire truck that came from Greenwood, an ambulance that came from West Paris, another ambulance that came from Canton, Norway's old Engine 3."

Dux said all three years the program has participated in SkillsUSA, they've brought home medals. That includes a gold medal for Dux, a



In a technique known as sprinkler evolution, a candidate gets soaked after placing two wedges to act as a catch-all to stop/reduce the water flow. The purpose of this is to simulate slowing or stopping water from a sprinkler so as to not do any more damage to property at a fire call. B. Farrin

bronze for his partner that year, and a silver for Tim Haas.

Longley added, "When I started here, we had a couple of axes, a pack, and one or two little things. We've come a long way. As a matter of fact, I'd like to see us become a regional training center at some point because we have everything that they have at the state level."

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Skis

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A finished pair of skis next to the ski press, which was built by Winkler and Bracy. T. Winkler

engineers designed and built their own ski press to join the ski layers together. They employed a computer numerically controlled router to cut out the shape.

Their aim has been to design all-purpose skis with an ample width in the middle, or "waist."

"The skis are recreational, not competition," said Bracy, who likes to freestyle ski. Their skis, he said, "can bomb down groomed trails at Sunday River, or do Tuckerman's Ravine on Mt. Washington."

Winkler said the skis are tough and forgiving. "I'm a big guy, and I'm not easy on skis," he said.

The skis differ from most mainstream ones in that they have a very high-pressure laminated wood core, which is made in-house from locally sourced cabinet grade wood.

"Most skis have lower grade wooden cores and more resin and glue, to keep costs down," said Bracy.

The top "sheet" of the ski is a thin layer of tiger maple, which shows up as a horizontal grain.

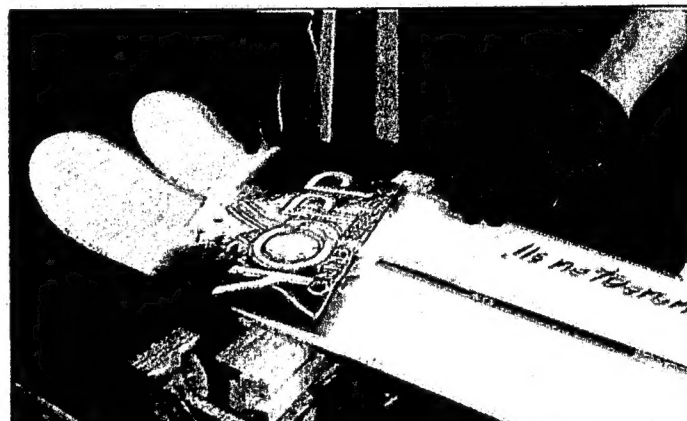
After meticulous sanding of the finished skis, Bracy does the graphics, which he can tailor to the client's preferences.

"Due to our low volume, almost every ski we build is a custom ski on some level," said Winkler. "We take into account the type of skiing, (alpine-touring, park, all-mountain), the type and size of the skier. Then we modify the ski characteristics based on that information and or the skier's wishes."

They even hope to involve some customers in the creation of their own skis.

"We love sharing the excitement of building," said Winkler. "Seriously, riding the skis you built is an incredible feeling. One of the goals we are working towards includes for everyone to 'lay up' their own skis if they are so inclined. Obviously, that has its own challenges, but we hope to make that happen sooner rather than later."

They plan to offer three basic types of skis: a men's traditional camber, a men's



Above photos: Jake Bracy prepares graphics for a ski in honor of France, following the recent terrorist attacks in Paris. A. Aloisio

semi-rocker and a ladies' semi-rocker. (Camber is a particular shape of a ski as seen from the side - it rests on its tip and tail while the middle section arcs upward. Rocker describes an opposite design.)

Right now, said Bracy, they are distributing tester skis to friends and local skiers in order to get feedback.

"We hope to get the locals to get in a lot of runs on them," he said.

They have not yet settled on a price range for the skis. They are also not sure yet if

they will focus more on on-line sales or face-to-face.

"Online is easier, but it's nice to get facetime, and find out what kind of ski the skier wants," said Bracy.

Aside from the YOPP acronym itself, the men are also frequently asked about the "clandestine" portion of the company name.

"When we first started building them, we were keeping quiet about it," said Winkler. "People thought it was a clandestine operation, so we made it part of the name."

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Briefly

Red Claws tickets available at Bethel Town Office

BETHEL-The Bethel Recreation Department will offer tickets to the Maine Recreation & Park Association night Dec. 5 at the Maine Red Claws. The cost is \$8 per ticket for all ages; this is a discount of \$2 per ticket off the regular price. The Maine Red Claws is a basketball team of the NBA Development League based in Portland. It is affiliated to the Boston Celtics. The game is on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Portland Exposition Building in Portland. Tickets may be purchased at the Bethel Town Office. The Town Office also offers discounted ski tickets to Sunday River, Sugarloaf and Mt. Abram, available after Nov. 23, for between \$12 and \$20 less than the on-mountain price.

Greenwood selectmen's meeting minutes

Nov. 3, 2015

1. Call the meeting to order - Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Roll Call: Chair Henderson, Selectmen Arnold Jordan, Selectman Amy Chapman, and Town Manager Kim Sparks.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Review and approve Warrant # 18 (\$ 11,753.91), and Warrant # 19 (\$20,898.69). Warrants were approved as presented. Vote 3-0.
4. Review minutes of Oct. 19, 2015 - minutes were read and accepted as presented. Vote 3-0.
5. Comments from the Public - None
6. Open Public Hearing - Chair Henderson opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m. Liquor License applications for My Abrams LLC, 308 Howe Hill Road and 412 Howe Hill Road were reviewed. Manager Sparks stated that the hearing notice had run

in the Bethel Citizen and Advertiser Democrat and that she had no comments to report.

The Board approved both applications and completed the required paperwork.

7. Close Public Hearing - Having no further business to discuss on the My Abrams applications, the Board closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m. Vote 3-0.

8. Discussion with Louise Jonaitis - Ms. Jonaitis contacted Kim later in the afternoon stating that she would not be attending the Selectmen's meeting.

9. Meetings & Events

1. Nov. 17th - Selectmen's Meeting, GTO, 5 p.m.

2. Nov. 17th - Bicentennial Meeting, GTO 6 p.m.

3. Nov. 19th - Planning Day, Bethel Inn, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

4. Dec. 2nd - OCMOA Meeting, Revision Energy, Norway, 6:00pm

10. Adjourn - Having no further business, the Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Vote 3-0.

Andover

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ha guitars in a three-quarter size appropriate for elementary students, and Coolidge hopes to add different instruments in the future.

"Music at an early age has been proven to strengthen math and science skills, along with visual and perception skills in the fields of drama, public speaking, and art," he wrote in a letter to prospective donors.

"It also promotes creative thinking, problem solving, and, with many, a general sense of well-being."

The autonomy of the new Andover school and the small size of the staff and student body provide opportunities for community members to have a real impact on the quality of education in their town.

"The possibilities are truly endless in regard to what we can do as mentors, boosters, and supporters," Coolidge said.

A full day of music

Friday is music day at the school. McFarland, who also teaches instrumental music to elementary students in SAD 44, spends one day a week at AES under an independent contract with the new school department.

Each Friday begins with a 45-minute school-wide music period immediately after breakfast, when McFarland brings all 28 of the school's students together in the gym to learn a new song, or even a dance.

This gives the three AES classroom teachers an opportunity for lesson planning and meeting, and lets students of all ages interact as they learn together.



Pete Coolidge helps an Andover student with his Friday afternoon guitar lesson. A. Wight Chapman

Throughout the rest of the morning, McFarland works with instrumental music students in small groups.

Half of the fourth and fifth graders get a guitar lesson in the morning. Then, for the last period of the day, the whole class goes together to the music room.

They work in pairs, with students who had a morning lesson that week helping to teach it to their peers.

"Duncan is phenomenal in so many ways," said AES Principal Karen Thurston, who also teaches the school's nine fourth and fifth graders.

In addition to the nearly endless patience required to work with young children just beginning to learn an instrument, McFarland possesses musical versatility and practical skills.

"He can play and repair just about any instrument," Thurston said.

Andover Concert Series Coolidge said his parents both played the guitar, and the home where he grew up was filled with music.

He remembers singing three-part harmonies while washing dishes with two of



Donations from the Andover Summer Concert Series and community members provided the funds to purchase guitars for all of Andover Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade students. A. Wight Chapman

his sisters, and taking up the guitar himself at the age of seven.

"To be honest, I don't ever remember not playing," he said.

In addition to the guitar, he plays the banjo, mandolin, and dobro—"the folk instruments," he said.

In 2014, Coolidge and some of his fellow musicians decided to start performing regularly at the bandstand on the town common, and the Andover Summer Concert Series was born.

Every two weeks throughout the summer, a different artist takes the stage. Many of them are local musicians with whom Coolidge has been playing for 30 years.

The concerts are free, but donations are gladly accepted.

The series raised about half of the money needed to purchase the guitars for AES, with the rest coming from private donations.

Coolidge said he hopes to add other instruments to the program soon.

"We'll talk to Mr. McFarland about what kind to get. He's the teacher, and it will be up to him," he said, adding that he thinks mandolins and ukeleles may be next.

"They're small, good for little fingers," he said.

Last week, McFarland sent his students home with permission forms that will allow them to take the guitars home with them to practice, as long as their parents agree.

Enthusiasm for the program is running high among school staff, community members, and, especially, students.

"I really like this a lot," said a fourth-grader as he returned his guitar to its stand in the music room.

"I've wanted to be a musician for a long time, since I was about six."

Donations for the program, with checks made out to "Andover Activity Fund," can be brought to Pete's Hardware or the Andover Elementary School.

Gehring

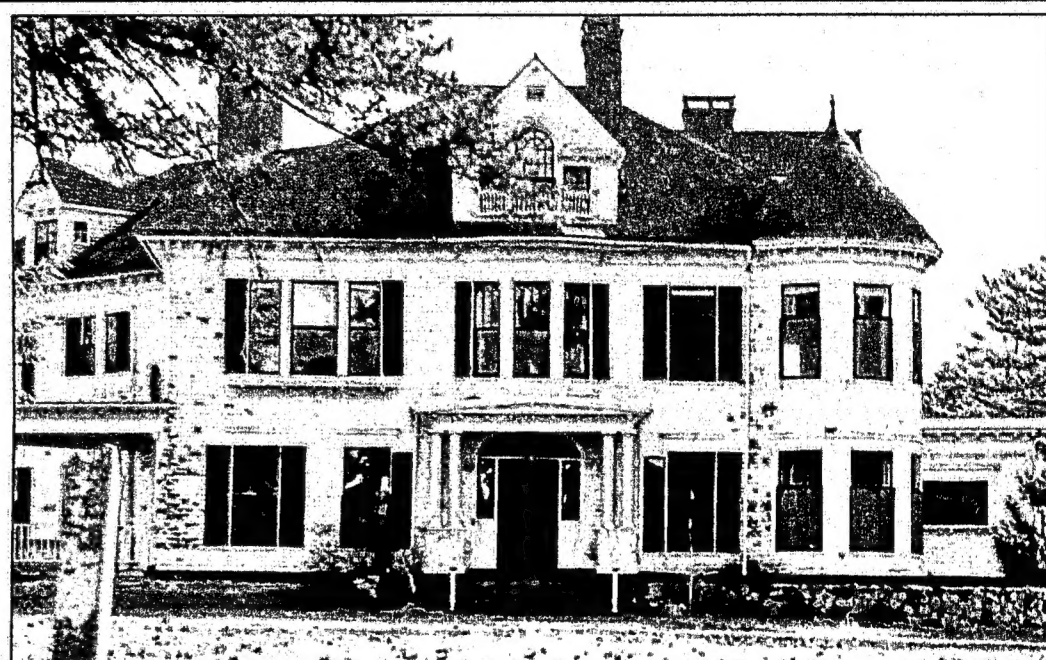
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expired in 2012, according to Bethel town records, and was renewed then for one year. Permits expire if there is not substantial work done during the time period.

Boghossian also said there would be some changes in the plans for the future, and he would focus work first on the Gehring House itself.

"We haven't forgotten about it," he said.

Plans are still in the works to develop the Gehring House and property as an apartment and condominium complex, according to owner Paul Boghossian. A. Aloisio



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Honors: Ricco Call, Selina Creelman, Hannah Evans, Tristen Lilly, Elizabeth McLeod, Brooke Richardson, Gabe Pasternak, Georgia Plawlock, Reese Rosenberg, Koley True, Sarahanne Wright.

Grade 10

High Honors: Gaelan Boyle-Wight.

Honors: Jarrett Bean, Selena Cintron, Russell Cushman, Taylor Mason, Lukas McGetchin, Mar-ta Opie, Blake Rothwell,

Courtney Skillin, Aaron Vermette.

Grade 11

Honors: Luke Davis, Josh Eliot, Kristi Hanscom, Wynter Morin, India Orino, Kellen True, Souix-Ann Tuttle.

Grade 12

High Honors: Ashley Savage.

Honors: Luke Angevine, Rachel Barton, Austin Bear, Kaitlyn Brown, Shy-lyn Buckman, Naomi Carr, Dharma Damon, Lisa Gammon, Calvin Glover, Lexi-Ann Hart, Rebecca Howard, Octavia Morin, Emily Philbrick, Cameron Rothwell, Cassidy Smith.

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD



It is that wonderful time for the year when families and friends gather around the dinner table, which is decked out with the turkey and all the fixin's.

There will be much laughter and chatter, family and friends getting caught up on each other's lives. Stories about the grandkids' latest antics, discussions about health, jobs and current events will cycle around the table.

When the turkey is picked to the bone and the various side dishes are consumed there will be much anticipation for the pumpkin pie and other special desserts to be brought out. Though everyone will actually be too full they will eat dessert anyway and hope like heck that they don't have to move anytime soon.

While we are gathered around the table filling our bellies with turkey and our hearts with family and friends let us not forget to give thanks for all that is before us. That is, after all, why we have gathered.

As I do every year on Thanksgiving I will give thanks for my family and their continued good health and happiness. I will give thanks that I am in fact still able to put the feast together both physically and financially and that my family is able to be there with me.

There are, of course, the lesser but none-the-less important things I have to be thankful for. Such as I am not scheduled for a colonoscopy for some time. I

am thankful that when I get out of bed in the morning the aches and pains are no worse than last year and I can usually walk them off. I am thankful that my clothing size has not gone up since last Thanksgiving, however, after the dinner and dessert I sure wouldn't want to get out the tape measure.

I'm sure that most of us, no matter what unfortunate turn our lives may have taken, we still have some things

... with so bad and sad events taking place in other parts of the world it has given me reason to think about my part of the world.

we can give thanks for.

I think one thing many of us, myself included, forget to be thankful for is that we live in the United States of America. Not to get on my patriotic high horse, but with so bad and sad events taking place in other parts of the world it has given me reason to think about my part of the world.

Though we in this country have experienced some horrendous events both foreign, domestic and acts of Mother Nature the communities in which they happened came together in sorrow and support. This country as a whole grieved and prayed for the victims

and their family and offered in whatever form it could take. For such unity I give thanks.

I have never worried and never will have to that my daughter would be kidnapped by a group of fanatic thugs and abused and sold into a form of slavery. For this I give thanks.

I can drive my car where I please without being accompanied by a male family member and I can show my hair, my arms and even my legs without fear of persecution or severe punishment. For that I give thanks.

I can go to sleep at night without fear that some death squad my knock down my door and kill me and my husband in our bed. For that I give thanks.

I can go to the polls and vote for whatever candidate I choose who is running for public office knowing that the ballot box will not be tampered with and my vote will be counted. For that I give thanks.

The list of my/our freedoms is endless and for all of them I give thanks. Are their flaws in our country? Yes, of course there are, but we as Americans have options with our votes, the ability to contact our representatives and being part of organizations that try to change things for the better.

I know, this turned out to be a pretty serious column, but giving thanks is pretty serious business and now the way I see it I will give thanks to you my faithful readers and will you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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A large crowd at Sunday River's Barker Mountain on Saturday waits for a lift to the top.

D. Bennett

Bethel

By Don Bennett



Old names never die

At the Bethel Foodliner, signs at the checkout registers warn that checks made out to "IGA" or "Shop and Save" are not accepted by the bank. Make your checks payable to Bethel Foodliner.

Gas at Irving is down to \$2.13 a gallon and there is a new smoother entrance to the station's parking area.

At the McLaughlin

Friday night the Prime Time Players (a.k.a. the over-the-hill-gang) presented their four comedies to a full house. I think that the PT Players group has hit on the best formula by performing short takes of comedy life. It reminded me of our Gould class skits performed on the stage at the "old Bingham" before it had become an annex of the larger Bingham auditorium. At the McLaughlin the cast and audience are all part of the same piece of pie - more intimate and flavorful.

Tin Mountain Roundup at Sunday River

There was a big crowd at Barker Mountain Saturday and the lift line-up stretched for well over a hundred

yards. If skiers brought three items of canned/packaged food to the Tin Mountain Roundup at Barker Lodge, they got \$10 off a lift ticket. The donations of food and staples were to support the Andover Food Pantry. While I was there Saturday two young skiers came up to the table with donations in a net bag. The third case of cans and packages was nearly full then.

Good luck Kentucky

Gould grad Matt Bevin's election as governor of Kentucky has stirred up the media folks. First I read that he plans to close the state's Affordable Care exchange and reduce Medicaid rolls. Then an article showed up saying the Kentucky had one of the lowest general health ratings in the US. Another article pointed out that as a major tobacco growing state it has one of the lowest sales tax on cigarettes of the 50 states, thus very little dollar savings incentive for residents to cut out smoking. Then there is general resentment of the Obama administration's air quality rules, which hurts Kentucky's mainstay coal producing industry.

Community room issue: 36 years

In February 1979 the Citizen's page one news included a column headlined: "Need

Cited for a Community Room." The Bethel Municipal Facilities Study Committee met to talk with senior citizens groups about their needs for a facility. Mrs. Muriel Faudi who headed a group of 150 senior citizens told the committee about the varied needs. The group had been meeting in a variety of halls, inns, and other area facilities. They were currently meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Ruth Feeney, director of the Bethel Nutrition Program sponsored by Western Older Citizens, said that her group needed facilities. Her group provided mid-day meals three days a week serving about 60 seniors in the Methodist Church dining room. Mrs. Feeney explained that their program really needed a large central facility. Ideally an accommodation should be able to handle 100, people, a central location, parking for 30-35 cars, kitchen and space for recreation such as exercising and dancing.

Recently Ross Timberlake was telling me how both the Methodist and Congregational had handled such types of community functions he thought very pleasantly; however, regular church member programs would limit some public availability, plus size and facilities would also be a factor.

What struck me about reading this 36 year news article was how long this issue of a community room has been dragging on. Maybe we could call on the ghost of Albert W. Grover to take charge.

Getting things done

Albert Grover (1841-1908) the sidewalk builder* In the 1890's Bethel was endowed with a group of men who were blessed with foresight, the spirit of initiative and a favorable public opinion. To keep this story relatively concise, I will skip naming them all at this point except for the hero of the Bethel sidewalk story - 54 year old, well respected, West Bethel "Flat Road" farmer, who had moved to Bethel village, Albert Wellington Grover.

During the early 1890s Bethel's downtown people wanted a sidewalk from the post office to the rail station; finally the 1894 town meeting voted No to such a sidewalk. The next year Albert Grover as head road commissioner took it upon himself to get the job done.

"I decided in this case to try the experiment, and on Sept. 23, the work began of putting a concrete walk on the west side of Main Street from the Depot to the Post Office, a distance of over two thousand feet. By places of business granite curbing six

inches thick and eighteen inches deep was placed. The stone work was contracted to Elmer Stowell of Bethel, and the concrete to Joseph Mead of Glen, N.H. I wish to thank those who assisted me in the movement, and especially those who assisted with their pocket-books that the expenses of the town might be reduced. A full report of expenses is rendered below:"

A.M. Carter - civil engineer: \$10.00; Elmer Stowell, 382.5 feet of granite curbing set: \$153.00; 445 feet of granite flagging: \$111.25; Joseph Mead, 912 square yards of concrete: \$456.00; and 306 square yards of concrete crossing: \$214.20. Total cost: \$944.45. (Less than 50 cents per foot of sidewalk.)

Contributions from 26 property owners and donors amounted to \$ 263.51 or 28% of the total cost. Town funds amounted to \$ 680.94. See also: <http://www.thebethel-journals.info/BethelSide-walks.htm>

* In 1893 Grover was appointed a trial justice for seven years. He was a Bethel selectman seven years and chairman four years. He was a Gould Academy trustee. Albert and Olive Willis Grover are buried in Riverside Cemetery

Grover Hill

The Grover name ranks right alongside Chapmans, Hastings, Twitchells and Bartletts of earlier days as one of the backbone family names in Bethel. A long time familiar name, John Grover, was the name of the first Grover to come to Bethel, then Sudbury Canada, along with Eleazer Twitchell in 1780. After the Indian raid hit the settlements here in 1781, it was the first John Grover whose camp was destroyed by the raiders and the next morning he took off for Fryeburg, covering the 30 miles trip by noon with his alarm and plea for help. Grover Hill is named for him.

Gwendolyn Stearns (1887-1983), a life time resident of Grover Hill and who was my seventh grade teacher, wrote a history of Grover Hill based on family stories, her personal remembrances and anecdotes. Her history was published in the 1974 special edition of the Bethel Citizen covering the dedication of the Moses Mason Museum. Miss Stearns home was located on the downhill side of the Grover Hill road below today's Lyon's Orchard and on the west side of Sparrowhawk Mountain. Her father's family had moved to the former Eames farm on Grover Hill in 1863.

One story is about Reverend David Garland known as Brother Garland conducting a funeral service for a



Rounding up tins and packages at Sunday River's Tin Mountain Roundup table.

D. Bennett

local man killed in a woods accident. "According to my father, Brother Garland became almost hysterical emotional and in a high pitched squeaky voice proclaimed, "Rum killed him! Rum killed him!" But the deceased was known to have only sipped an occasional hard cider.

Another glimpse had to do with the Van Den Kerckoven family at Cobblestone Farm. Alphonse Van had dreams of making a show piece of the farm with a Dutch windmill and long henhouses.

In Stearns' early childhood days the farm had been occupied by the Lyon family. Edward Lyon is a Bethel historic figure along with the Van Telephone family. He operated a jewelry and optical repair business in the Cole Block. His store was between the law office of Herick and Park and the Bethel News/Citizen. Mr. Lyon later moved his business to the building next door which had been the Hastings Hardware Store. (Now the site of Northeast Bank) I remember clearly in 1946 going to the Lyon store to buy my first ballpoint pen. It cost \$2.00. Ballpoints were just coming into general use then.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



The Christmas trees arrived at Lowell's Saw Shop on Route 26 this week. The shop will be open for tree sales seven days a week starting Friday, Nov. 27. The profits benefit the Greenstock Snowmobile Club and help with trail grooming and maintenance costs.

Country Christmas in Bethel begins Friday with the Local Craft & Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Conference Center and the free horse-drawn wagon rides throughout Bethel. (Pick-up location is near the Common.) Saturday, Nov. 28 is National Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to helping small businesses by encouraging people to avoid the malls and big box stores and shop locally at small businesses. You can help our local businesses and economy by staying in town and shopping that day. You can find a lot in Bethel (and our surrounding community), including clothing, jewelry, toys, bicycles, skis, snowshoes, hardware and appliances, books, tools, gourmet and organic foods, and international cuisine.

Having encouraged you to stay in town this weekend, I now have to tell you that the Oxford Hills Christmas Parade is on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m. The theme this year is "Toyland Christmas." This is the state's largest Christmas Parade and worth seeing at least once. It features everything from a marching band to floats to librarians pushing book carts. The parade starts in Norway at the corner of Main and Whitman streets and goes to Market Square in South Paris. You can easily watch the parade in the morning and spend the afternoon shopping in Bethel. If you plan on driving south on Route 26 on Saturday, remember that traffic will be re-routed around the parade route.

The Bethel Library is starting winter Story Time for young children on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. The theme of the December Sto-

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Nov. 16

At 4 p.m. a caller in Greenwood reported his front door had been kicked in. Nothing was missing. Deputy Nathan Bowle responded.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

At 8:54 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald arrested a subject on the West Bethel Road in Bethel on a warrant. While en route to the jail it was determined the warrant had been paid. The subject was released and transported to Hanover.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

At 12:07 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland investigated an accident on Songo Pond Road in Albany with a chip truck's tires and an excavator blade coming together.

Thursday, Nov. 19

At 11:38 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a report of a car crash on Mayville Road in Bethel. There were no injuries.

At 12:34 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a late report of an assault in Bethel. The incident was under investigation and charges were pending.

Friday, Nov. 20

At 7:11 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland assisted game wardens in a complaint of high school students duck hunting on posted property before school. The subject left before arrival.

At 10:58 a.m. a Bethel resident reported a broken window in a vehicle overnight. It appeared to be intentional. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 2:12 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham, State Police and game wardens responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on the West Bethel Road in Bethel. On investigation, the authorities were led to a residence in Albany, where they made contact with the victim. The incident was under investigation.

Saturday, Nov. 21

At 9:12 a.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Dani Welch responded to Songo Pond Road in Albany to try to locate a subject with several arrest warrants. No contact was made.

At 10:17 a.m. a caller from Holt Hill Road in Bethel requested a subject be removed. The subject left prior to the arrival of deputies.

At 4:38 p.m. a male subject made threats over the phone while at the PD. More recent threats were also reported as being made through friends. Deputy Steve Witham was assigned.

Sunday, Nov. 22

At 10:55 a.m. game wardens advised they would be doing a traffic check detail at the Bethel/West Bethel line for several hours.

At 12:58 p.m. a subject in Bethel reported receiving another threat, through a third party. Deputy Dere MacDonald was assigned.

OCSD Jail Log

Nov. 22, 5:10 p.m.: Joshua S. Lange, 31, of Utica, N.Y., operating without a license, possession of Schedule W.X.Y drugs; by Officer Mike Pierre in Gilead.

Nov. 23, 12:54 a.m.: Daniel R. Thrall, 37, of Lincoln Plantation; OUI, by Warden Brock Clukey in Bethel.

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ry Times is "winter." The second Story Time will be Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. A parent or caregiver must accompany children. The library is located at 5 Broad Street in Bethel. For more information call the library at 824-2580.

Last week the Citizen reported that Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills, a no-kill cat and dog shelter, is participating in #GivingTuesday on Dec. 1. It's a day that organizations, charities, and people come together to celebrate generosity and giving. RPC will participate with their campaign "Give a Can/Bag Tuesday." Pet food can be donated to RPC through their Wish List on Amazon.com.; the food is sent directly to the shelter. But, for those of you who don't have access to the internet or Amazon, you can buy pet food locally and take it directly to the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in Paris (off High Street near Paris Elementary School) during the week of Dec. 1. These are some of the top items RPC lists on their Amazon Wish List: Purina dry cat chow, Purina dry kitten chow, Purina dry dog chow, and Friskies wet cat food pate. RPC requests pate because it "is the best because it is easy for older kitties to eat." You can call RPC with questions about donations at 743-8679.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



This week just flew by or so it seemed to me. I realized that I neglected to write some of the news from Neil Olson and I apologize, Neil. It must be old age setting in on my part. Neil had told me that he just came back from a three week trip to Northern Maine. He was trapping beaver for Hayes Logging.

Just a few more days till Thanksgiving. The weather will be good for traveling for those who will go away to be with family. We will celebrate the Sunday after the Holiday. I am looking forward to hear about you events. So, call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Here is the new Trivia: What is affixed to the wall to either side of the southern steps of the Lower Meeting House?

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with family and/or friends. Travel safely and enjoy.

Happy Thanksgiving.

West Bethel

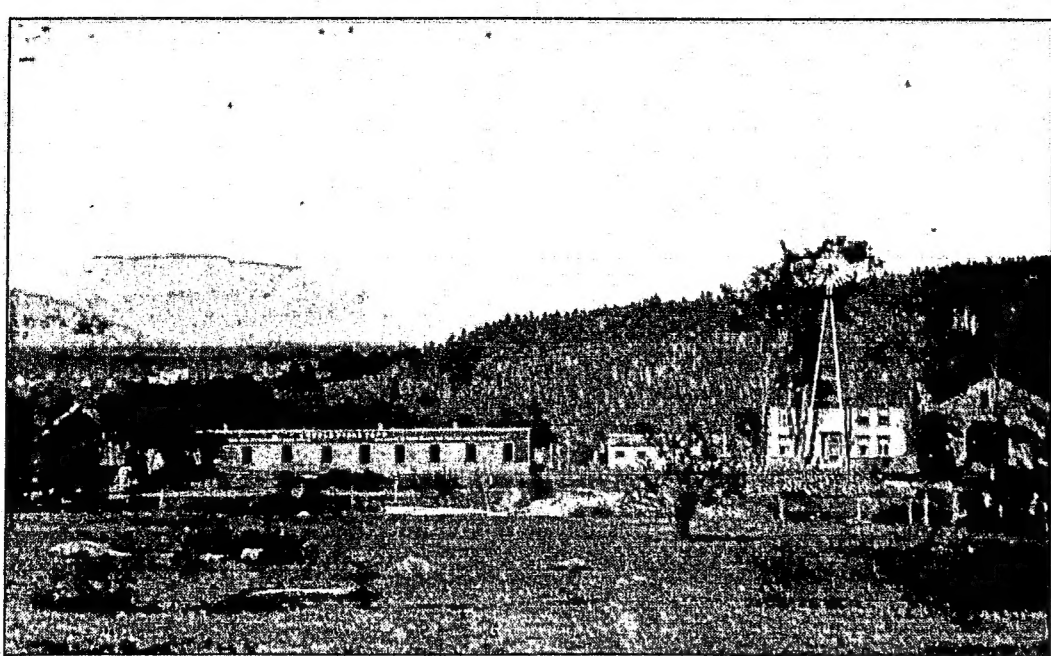
By Karen Paul



I'm not one to be star-struck over a handsome leading man, but in the spring of 1993 I had

a moment of pure sparking wonderment. I was happily teaching in the middle school at Telstar. During our short lunch break, a newspaper circulated and my friends started talking about a movie in Maine needing extras and Mel Gibson being on set. My interest was peaked as I had for years secretly dreamed of escaping Bethel for a career in Hollywood.

By now I was married with



Grover Hill's Cobblestone Farm, owned by the Van Den Kerckhoven family in the late 19th century. (See Bethel Bennett column.)

responsibilities like four kids, multiple businesses, 25 employees, and a steady job. My dreams had long gone unanswered and I felt contented making "One day at a time" my mantra. Was I woman enough to risk a "sick-day" and secretly drive myself to Brunswick for a casting call? I went home with my heart high in my throat and my mind twirling like a fork full of spaghetti. If I told my husband and kids what I was up to, I feared their judgment might boomerang back at me and I would not go through with my own self-proclaimed insanity. After all, nobody in my family or even Bethel would do such a foolish thing.

In bed that night I tossed and turned and sleep did not come easily. I had resigned myself to just get up as usual and go to my job at school. When first light drew closer I arose, dressed and woke my husband chattering on about my weird and wonderful plan. I became single-mindedly focused upon a strategy as if I was a hunter and Mel Gibson was my prey. Quickly I escaped the normality of Bethel and the dream became my reality.

I had read in the newspaper clipping that I should come dressed in period clothing including my hair and make-up. The movie was set in 1970. Where would I get anything appropriate? My mother was 40 in 1970...maybe she could help. I wasn't sure she would, being a salt o' the earth woman, a plain girl who was all too practical. I raced to the Flat Road and rounded the sharp corner of my parents' long driveway. Thank God Daddy was gone to work and Mummy was all mine to maneuver and mold into the plan.

Surprisingly she listened to my now super animated scheme and rose from her chair with that unruffled look of all-knowingness that mothers have. In her closet she pulled out a teal polyester suit still in its original package, which she had never worn and it fit me like a glove.

To be continued next week...

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



I'm happy to report that the approaches to the temporary Brickett Bridge have been paved as

requested by the large number of residents who turned out for the public hearing on the time-line for the bridge

to be replaced. I'm sure everyone north of the bridge is overjoyed by this turn of events thanks to the efforts of Joel Kittridge from the Maine DOT and Rep. Fran Head who was present for the hearing. The lesson here is that public interest in town affairs works to get things done, so when volunteers are needed for various committees, please seriously consider serving. Turn out for annual Town Meeting and let your opinion be heard and your vote speak to accomplish things for the good of the Town.

The Budget Committee met on Wednesday evening to hear the proposed budget of the Fire Department and the EMA Director, Fred Dethridge. The Fire Department budget amount requested is \$36,690. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no Budget Committee meeting this week, however, the committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Town Office. E-911 Addressing Officer, Ken Dixon will submit his budget at that time. The Budget Committee, under the leadership of Chairman, Leo Camire, has already considered a number of social services requests and made their recommendations.

The Craft Fair sponsored by the Andover PTA was a huge success on Saturday with good turnout and more than 31 vendors. There was a huge cookie walk. The culinary hit of the day was the Kale and Sausage soup provided by Darlene Akers. A couple of former AES students reported they had visited the gym and other sights and reminisced about their school days while checking out the various goods for sale.

The next "big" day in Andover is Dec. 5, when the Firemen's Association and the First Congregational Church will be holding their pre-Christmas craft and food sales. The church event will start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. There will be Christmas items, raffles, take-out food, vendors and bake sale goodies available while over at the Fire Station food and craft sales will be augmented by a visit from Santa Claus at 2 p.m. Santa's visit is one of the highlights of the year here. If you haven't been there before, you should come and see the children sitting on Santa's lap. It's precious.

A word of thanks to the Andover Town Hall Restoration Committee who meets each week to upgrade the building. They have done a great job restoring and

bringing the building into the 21st century over the last couple of years and it is much appreciated.

Remember to walk to story book, "Creepy Carrots" while we still have bare ground. It begins behind the Fire Station and ends at the school making a good walk for both young and old.

As of Sunday, 29 deer have been tagged at the Mills Market Tagging Station and 14 of those were taken this past week. A very charming young man opened the door for me with a huge grin on his face. Said grin was not for me though, it was because he had just tagged a very nice deer.

The Snow Valley Sno-Goes Snowmobile Club meeting for December has been changed from Dec. 2 until Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, located off Route 5, Andover. A potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. to be followed at 7 p.m. by a regular club meeting. All club members and interested people are invited to attend the supper and the meeting and to bring a dish to share. The fall 50/50 drawing will happen at the meeting. P.S. Anyone who likes snowmobiling can start doing the "snow dance" anytime now.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Happy Thanksgiving everyone. We should remember to thank God for the many blessings we have been given.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Special day of prayer for Pastor Craig Lathrop on Dec. 1. Dec. 6 is the observance of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 is a special edition of Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotions at 9 a.m.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Dec. 3 at the Fire Station in Woodstock at 11:30. Meeting will be held and dinner by the fire dept. Please bring something for Kids for Christmas and a gift to exchange if you wish. Cards may be exchanged also. Dinner is \$10.

If you have news, contact me at 655-2460 or PO Box 105. Thanks.

The Whitman Memorial program for December will be Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Back by popular demand,

Democrats to meet

The Oxford County Democrats will meet on Sunday, Dec. 6 at noon at the Crescent Park School in Bethel. The meeting will include general business with reports on recent activities, candidate recruitment, and planning for the Presidential caucuses on March 6, 2016. A Caucus Convenor training will also be included as part of the meeting. A pot-luck lunch will precede the meeting and those attending are encouraged to bring something to share.

The meeting is open to registered Democrats as well as those interested in working to elect Democrats. Additional information is available on the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems> or by calling Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Jim Burke and the Oxford Hills ukulele group will hold a Sing Along for Christmas. Public invited at no charge. Light refreshments.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the day with family and friends and be thankful for being able to celebrate this day with them.

My brother, Steve McLain, said that he is looking forward to SAD 44's Thanksgiving break. The maintenance crew works Wednesday, but there is no school for the students.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the National Honor Society's Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner at Telstar last Sunday.

Hugh and I headed for the Notre Dame Arena in Berlin, N.H. last Saturday to watch our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, play hockey. The team they were playing against was very aggressive, but the Berlin team kept right up with them. The final score was 4-2 with Berlin being the winning team. Sidney played a good game. She is also having a great time playing in an all-girls hockey league at Plymouth State University. The league is for girls up to 14 years of age.

Playing a lot of hockey has not seemed to affect Sidney's grades in school. She plays hard and studies hard at Gorham Middle School. Last Friday, at a school assembly, she received an award for achieving her goal of being on the sixth grade honor roll. Grammy and Grampa are certainly very proud of her.

Town Office

The Gilead Schoolboard met on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Town Office. Those present were Lise McLain, Ann Choquette and Gilead's Superintendent of Schools, David Murphy. The third member of the schoolboard, Warren Thurston, had notified them in advance that he was unable to attend. The school warrant was signed and will be presented to the selectmen at their meeting on Dec. 9 for payment.

Reminders: Dog licenses: Due before Dec. 31. See the Town Clerk on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Books closing: The fiscal year for the Town ends Dec. 31. Real estate taxes not paid by that date will be listed in the annual town report.

Just as an update on the personnel in the Town Office and who you need to see for whatever assistance you are looking for at the time. Judy Perrille is the Tax Collector and Administrative Assistant. As the Tax Collector, she licenses motor vehicles and collects real estate taxes. Her job as Administrative Assistant is to work with the selectmen and maintain office records. Linsley Chapman is the Town Clerk and Treasurer. She issues dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses

and copies of vital records as the Clerk. As the Treasurer, she pays the bills approved by the selectmen, maintains tax lien records and keeps the financial records for the town. This is just a small part of what the personnel in the office does. Basically, current real estate taxes are paid to the Tax Collector and not the Treasurer.

There is a poster in the Town Office that goes into more detail and there is also a list in the annual town report. Hopefully this clears up any confusion, but if not please ask at the office (in a courteous manner), so there will be less confusion as to who is responsible for what action during business hours at the office.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Marie Holloway



Congratulations Jack Kuchta on your directing debut! Jack recently accepted the position of director of the Prime Time Players replacing outgoing director, Ross Timberlake. The theater group, which is part of the Western Mountains Senior College, performed four one-act comedies to a full house last Friday and Saturday at the Gould Academy campus. The performance went off without a hitch and was well received. Nice work, Jack!

If you are looking for another opportunity to enjoy a local theatre production, be sure to catch the upcoming performance of A Christmas Story, a comedy presented by the Paper Moon Players at 49 Franklin Street's Mystic Theater in Rumford. There will be four performances - Dec. 12, 13, 18 and 19. Tickets are \$15 and available at Bartash's and All that Jazz or online at www.49FranklinSt.com. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Reflect, count your blessings and give thanks every day.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



Happy Thanksgiving! I hope some of you will share some news with me about how you spent the holiday, and some of your family's Thanksgiving traditions.

I spent half the day on Sunday creating my annual army of Oreos, candy corn, and miniature peanut butter cups, with a malted milk ball for the head. They also get eyes, feet, and wattles made of colored decorator's frosting, so making them is quite a process. Cathy Newell made them a few years ago, too, and she kept one around as a petrified table decoration for at least a couple more Thanksgivings.

Since I post photos on Facebook whenever I make some

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Community Concepts recognized

In an event put on by the Small Business Administration in Waterville last week, Community Concepts Finance Corp (CCFC) was awarded the award for top producing Micro Lender in Maine. "Community Concepts Finance Corporation experienced amazing growth this fiscal year with the Microloan Program resulting in much needed capital going to the smaller businesses in Western Maine," said Marilyn Geroux, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

CCFC produced 18 Micro Loans (loans under \$50,000) to earn this award, the first time they have done so. Others receiving recognition included Granite State Economic Development Corp as the top 504 lender with 24 loans, Eastern Maine Development Corp as the top Community Advantage lender, Penobscot County Federal Credit Union as the top Credit union. The top performing 3rd party lender in Maine was Kennebunk

Savings bank. The award for the overall SBA Lender award went to Bangor Savings bank for a combined total of 96 loans made through the SBA.

"This distinction is the result of a new organizational focus on lending as the best means to serve our mission," says Dennis Lajoie, CEO at CCFC. The recognition from the SBA demonstrates that even a small organization can produce substantial volume and assist many Maine owned businesses grow. Over the past several years CCFC has invested over \$6 million into the local economy as a non-profit lender certified by the U.S. Treasury as a Community Development Finance Institute (CDFI) with a mission to provide education and financial resources, including loans, for business and economic development activities in urban and rural low-income areas. For more information visit www.MaineBusinessLending.com



Last week the Bethel Early Learning Center's Pre-K group dropped off a box of donated food at the local grocery store to be donated to the food pantry. Teacher Melinda Robertson has been teaching the children "about why we have Thanksgiving, and about giving and being thankful, and this was one of the learning experiences - giving food to those who need it."

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strange food-based concoction, people often share other "fun with food" ideas with me. I wish I had the time and energy to try all of them!

On the subject of food, I grew up eating - and liking - just about all vegetables, but I have to confess that I am just beginning to get acquainted with Brussels sprouts. I suspect they weren't a favorite of my mother's, because I don't remember them being served at our house. I didn't care for them the first couple of times I tried them, and I've only cooked them a few times myself.

Since they haven't been a big favorite, I've never intentionally grown them, but this year one of our broccoli plants turned out to be Brussels sprouts instead, so we had a few from the garden. On the advice of some foodie friends, I roasted them in the oven instead of boiling or steaming them, and they were pretty tasty.

After reading in Nancy Brown's Bethel column about buying Brussels sprouts "on the stalk," I was happy to find them being sold that way right here in town at our wonderful Western Mountains Winter Market. I bought a stalk on Friday, cut them in half and roasted them at 400 degrees with olive oil, salt and pepper, then tossed them with a little maple syrup and a splash of balsamic vinegar. They were delicious, and I liked knowing that they were both local and organic, and that my purchase helped to support a small farmer. Even the maple syrup I used on them was local, from Brian and Suzanne Dunham's Velvet Hollow Sugar Works.

The Winter Market will be taking this week off, but will be back again next Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the old Town Hall in Locke's Mills. Check it out!

I refuse to put up Christmas decorations until after Thanksgiving, but I know many people like to start much earlier. Telstar senior John Walker is one of the biggest fans of Christmas I know, and he got started weeks ago.

He decorates the windows of Maine Line Products in Bethel each year with his collection of lighted miniature houses, and for ten years he has been putting up a huge holiday light display at his home on the Flat Road in West Bethel and inviting people to drive by to see it.

If you're like me and don't want to fight the crowds at shopping malls for Black Friday deals on the day after Thanksgiving, you might want to visit the annual Local Craft and Wares Fair this Friday instead. It will be held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will feature 35 local crafters selling a variety of handmade gifts and decorative items for the holidays.

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to add the

date of the Locke Mills Union Church's annual Christmas Cantata to your calendar. It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. at the church.

The annual Christmas Tree Bulbs are now available from Jackson Silver Legion Auxiliary. The Bulbs are \$3 each in memory or honor of your loved ones and the trees will be lit at their December Christmas Party. Please contact Anita Hakala or Jamie Hastings.

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Mason

By Richard Grover



Wednesday of last week I hooked my last "twit" of maple tree firewood and started for the firewood pile when I found that my winch wouldn't work. The tractor PTO was turning, but the cable wasn't moving. I immediately figured that the winch drive chain had broken again. That had happened a couple years ago, and I still had a few spare chain links left over.

I figured I could repair the chain, but I knew it was a wicked bad job to get the repaired chain back into the winch housing.

My skidding winch is an older model Farni made for a larger tractor than my Kubota, and it is made from quarter inch welded steel plate. The rear side of the winch has only one access hole that is about four inches in diameter revealing the chain drive sprocket, only a tad smaller than the diameter of the access hole. The forward side, attached to the tractor 3-point hitch has small access panels, one on either side of the cable spool which is about 13 or 14 inches in diameter. The large sprocket for the drive chain is slightly smaller in diameter and mounted behind the cable spool, making mounting the winch drive chain a mostly "by brail touch" process.

After much study and gnashing of teeth, I was able to drag the broken drive chain out a small round access hole in the base of the winch. Replacing the broken links was not as easy as it should have been, but with a little help from Bob Everett and a few hours of effort I finally got that done, but then came the problem of getting the chain back in place inside the winch with the limited access spaces available.

Then, I decided I needed to unhitch the winch from the 3-point hitch and the upper attach point, tractor to winch rod. I then turned the tractor around and used the bucket and a log chain to push the winch to a vertical position and hold it there so there was some work

space where I could reach two hands through access holes to pull the drive chain up and onto the upper chain sprocket. In addition, I had to use a plastic flexible wire tied to one end of the now full length drive chain to pull the tail end of the chain through the winch housing with my left hand while the right hand guided the chain under the sprocket where the left hand could drag the trailing end of the chain up the left side of the big sprocket to a place where both ends could be brought together in a visible position, so the two ends could be joined to complete the drive chain loop.

After two trips to Kelly's Napa Store and two days of figuring, tinkering and an hour of Bob's help, the winch was ready to be mounted to tractor - but Bob pointed out that the little drive sprocket points are badly worn and need to be replaced or the chain will break again! Another task for another day!

Newry

By Doug Webster



Well, we have only one more week of open firearm season for the elusive whitetail buck. The last time I checked down at Bethel, Bait, Tackle and More, the deer count for the season was down. This year is "bucks only," which means only a male deer can be taken in this district. It seems like the wildlife professionals are got it right; the deer population seems to be a little sparse. Good luck to all the hunters who haven't got a deer yet. There are three weeks left if you include muzzleloader season.

Jim Sysko, chair of the Newry withdrawal committee, said there was no progress made at last week's meeting. Even with a mediator, the school board seems unwilling to negotiate a deal. There was another meeting yesterday (Tuesday). Let's hope they were able to strike a deal. So far the school board has been unwilling to alleviate Newry from its heavy tax burden.

The Selectboard has the list of applicants for the town administrator job down to four or five. They should be doing interviews in the next couple of weeks. It will be exciting to see who is chosen. Maybe we could save money if we offered a free ski pass with the position.

Don't forget the information gathering meeting that the road committee is having to take input on citizens' ideas for the outer Sunday

River Road. The meeting will be on Dec. 9 at 7 o'clock at the Town Hall.

I wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope everybody has a chance to relax and gather with family and have a great meal and fellowship.

There will be a going away/appreciation party for current Town Administrator Loretta Powers. The date is Thursday Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. at the Newry Grange Hall. Come and enjoy some laughter and storytelling and good wishes for her next chapter in life.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



Wednesday, Nov. 18 10:30 a.m. Good morning dear readers, it was a cold frosty morning here this a.m. with 16 degrees reading on the thermometer.

The sun is nice and bright with lots of blue sky and it's warming the house nicely as the temperature rises.

We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed all these great above normal temperature's this month, I won't complain one bit.

Leon Poland got his deer Monday morning, a nice little buck.

Heard lots of gun fire here yesterday morning between 7 and 8 a.m., hunters I'm sure.

It was a good day to entertain the residents at Ledgewood yesterday, so enjoyed chatting with the many we know there, it was good to see Richard Wing, Frank Gibson, Juanita Ford, Ginny Chesley, Bob Roderick, Vance Bacon and all the others who come out to enjoy in our time with them.

Yogi has been working the past few weeks for Mike Nadeau up at Sunday River. Belated birthday wishes to Anna Buck who celebrated a few days ago.

Our thoughts and prayers are going out to all those in Paris, France who lost loved ones and for those who were injured in the recent bombing.

I get so I hate even listening to the news, it's always something bad going on. One very often ever hears of the good things happening around the world anymore.

Craig has been busy hauling wood to the mills and delivering winter firewood. He leave's early, early most (3 to 5 a.m.) mornings and lucky if he gets home by 9 p.m. most days.

He will be down for 2 days as he is having a new pulp

loader being installed on his truck this week. He is in hopes of getting the truck back so he can work over the weekend to make up for the two days downtime.

Picked up our navel oranges from the church Monday evening. Oh, they are so delicious, nice and sweet and no seeds. I enjoy sharing them with family and friends, Yogi can't eat too many as the acid from them upsets his system.

Well, dear readers I guess that's all from the valley this week.

Yogi and I are wishing each of you a very Happy, Happy Thanksgiving.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



I have not yet received any more details about the Ladies Aid annual Christmas party.

The brush-cutting work on Back Street looks good. I assume the other town roads have received the same work. One of the reasons for getting the brush cut is to let more sun in. Hopefully, that will expedite the snow-melt in the spring.

This past Saturday, 16 members of the extended Bernier family gathered for a Thanksgiving Dinner at Vance and Nita's home in Bryant Pond. On Thanksgiving Day, Bob and Laurie will host a Thanksgiving Dinner at their home in Upton. Some family members, including me, will take advantage of both free meals.

When winter finally decides to make an appearance, I predict it will hit hard. With the lingering warm temperatures making it difficult to acclimate for winter, the first major snowstorm or sub-zero day is going to be quite a shock.

Hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Thanksgiving is upon us. You should receive this paper on Wednesday. That is the day of the Full Beaver Moon. That is what my calendar says. Not sure what it means, but there it is. Haven't seen any lately, but that is probably good as the

only ones we tend to see are the ones hit by fast moving vehicles. Saw deer around. Guess they aren't worrying too much about hunters, or else they are just moving to get out of the line of fire. Haven't heard gun shots, but I have been inside too much. The damp and the cold are getting me big time. Makes me feel like a wimp, but I guess that is what I am. I no longer run out to play on colder morning or damp ones. I hide inside and try to stay warm. Got to change that. At least Dave and friend Jodie managed to get us more than just channel 8. We now have 8, 10 and 13. We had 6 for a few minutes, but that went away. I am happy with just 13 and 10. It is interesting that we actually have 8-1, 8-2, 10-1, 2, 3 and 4 and 13-1 and 2. I guess they have different numbers on cable, but we just have an antenna. I can watch all kinds of old movies on 8-2 and 13-2. Never realized what those old westerns were like. Wanted to be a cowboy when I was young.

Hope all have a good Thanksgiving. I thought about going to the Senior Citizens' one in Bethel, but was too lazy to drive up. One day. Perhaps we'll make it to Turkey Tuesday, I always liked that.

Friday there is a local craft and wares sale at the Bethel Inn from 9 to 4. I missed the DECA one, but heard it was good.

Sunday, Nov. 29 the Bethel Rotary will have their semi-annual Country Breakfast at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall, 7:30 to 11 a.m. It is \$8 in advance \$10 at the door. Children are \$5. It is a great breakfast and benefits the community and scholarship projects.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, is give a can/bag day at Responsible Pet Care. It is a worldwide charitable event that they will be participating in. They are located now at 9 Swallow Road in Paris. I have my bags in the car already. Just have to make it over there.

Monday, Dec. 7, Socrates cafe will meet at eh Waterford Library 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The topic this month will be "The American Health System: Is it Working?" The moderator will be Therese Johnson. Light refreshments will be provided, FMI 583-6957.

That is all for this week. Have a great Thanksgiving and don't eat too much.

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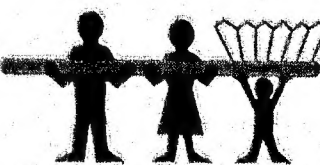
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New Bethel Holiday tradition planned

A new holiday tradition will begin with the "Light Up Main Street Jingle Walk" on Saturday, Dec. 5.

As carolers parade through the village, businesses will turn on their lights when they approach, creating a cascade of light up to the town common. Santa and Mrs. Claus will lead the way on a firetruck. On the common, the crowd will join in a finale of song and lights as all the trees light up at once. Santa will greet all kids, young and old, naughty and nice.

All who wish to participate are asked to dress warmly with holiday flair

and meet at the Philbrook Place (162 Main St., Bethel) at 3:15 p.m. on Dec. 5. Carolers will don jingle bells before commencing through the village. The tree lighting on the common is anticipated to take place at approximately 4 p.m.

Organizer Stephanie Herbeck is excited to infuse some Christmas spirit into the town. "We'll be belting out Christmas classics, ringing bells and watching Main Street storefronts light up in all their holiday glory as we go!"

The Light Up Main Street Jingle Walk is a highlight of many events taking place

during Country Christmas in Bethel, which begins with the Local Craft & Wares Fair on Friday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Bethel Inn Conference Center. The month features dozens of events led by area businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations, and features free wagon rides leaving from the town common from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27, and Saturdays Dec. 5, 12, and 19. The complete schedule of events is available at www.bethelmaine.com. To add an event to the calendar, contact info@bethelmaine.com or 824-2282.

Gem Theater starts fundraiser



A children's event at the Gem Theater this past weekend.

Submitted photo

The Gem Theater is hosting Teton Gravity Research's new ski and snowboard movie "Paradise Waits," on Saturday, Nov. 28, to kick off a three-week fundraising campaign to re-open the theater to show current blockbusters, small art films, and family-friendly motion pictures to local residents, according to a press release.

As part of its campaign, The Gem will pre-sell \$40,000 worth of movie tickets. The revenue generated from this

campaign will go directly toward upgrading The Gem's 200-seat theater with a digital projection system, a necessary tool to screen many of the movies available in wide release today.

Sunday River Resort has committed to match \$20,000 in ticket sales in support of the effort to re-open the theater, the release said. Pre-sold tickets are available through The Gem's website, and a crowd-funding campaign is located on Kickstarter, where people

can show their support with pre-purchased tickets or donations. The campaign will conclude Dec. 19 with a screening of Warren Miller's latest ski movie "Chasing Shadows."

The Gem is an independent movie theater founded by Wade Kavanaugh and Bethany Weisberger. Its mission is to build community frame by frame. The theater will be a hub for the arts in Western Maine and provide affordable entertainment for families and movie lovers.

News from SAD 44 Adult Education

The fall seems to have flown by this year. Thanksgiving is upon us already, and we have to sincerely thank all who have supported us this year. This time of year is traditionally a little slow for us. Our fall classes are wrapping up. I got to see the results of five weeks of ballroom dance lessons last week and everyone there was having a lot of fun.

Simon Smith will be coaching a Holiday Caroling Workshop beginning on Dec. 2. This workshop will consist of two indoor classes, followed by one or two caroling events in the

community. This might be just what you need to get into the holiday spirit, so call for more information. The more, the merrier for this workshop.

In our Learning Center, we have both a new academic instructor and new hours. Amy Chapman met many of our students this week and is helping them prepare for the HiSet tests and for college.

If you are good with PCs, tablets, MS Office, smartphones, etc and feel you could help others understand these devices and programs, please give us a call. Many people have asked for

technology classes and we would love to be able to host some this year.

We are busy preparing for our 2016 winter and spring offerings and are thrilled to have several new enrichment teachers and courses to offer. More about these in my next column! Once again, we are offering gift certificates for Adult Ed classes, which could be the perfect gift for someone.

Best wishes for a peaceful and wonderful holiday season. We are thankful for this great community and all the support you give us. - Lois Ruff, director

White Mountain National Forest Christmas Trees

If you're looking for a new family tradition this Christmas you may want to consider a trip to the White Mountain National Forest to cut your own Christmas tree. Cutting your own Christmas tree can be an enjoyable adventure for the entire family and just may become a yearly tradition. Bundle up, make a lunch, bring your hand saw or ax and look for that special tree. You will need a permit, sharp saw, thermos of cocoa and a little patience.

A Christmas tree permit can be purchased for \$5, cash or check only - from the White Mountain National Forest. Offices are located in Campton, Lincoln, Gorham and Conway N.H. For office hours and permits visit www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain.

This year, one free holiday tree cutting permit will be issued to fourth graders who present a valid Every Kid in a Park pass. The Forest Ser-

vice is among a number of federal agencies supporting the Every Kid in a Park initiative; more information can be found at www.everykidinapark.gov.

Several different types of evergreen grow in the White Mountain National Forest. Many people prefer the balsam fir because of its fragrance and needle retention. Others prefer the spruce because of the fullness of the branches and the classic shape. Keep in mind that a wild tree may not have the perfect appearance of a commercial tree. Be prepared to do some real searching. Somewhere out there is your ideal Christmas tree!

Please remember: Trees are for personal use only, not for resale. Each family may cut one tree per permit. (One Christmas tree permit per family)

Use only hand tools to cut Christmas trees. Chainsaws are not permitted.

Make sure you are on Na-

tional Forest land. Respect the rights of landowners when crossing private property.

Do not cut trees in or near campgrounds, picnic areas, Experimental Forests, Wilderness, timber sale areas, or within 100 feet of a state highway. When you purchase the permit ask if there are any known "off limit" areas.

Do not cut trees larger than 8 inches in diameter at chest height. Pack down limb piles low enough so they are within 2 feet of the ground. Scatter limbs and wood at least 25 feet away from roads, streams, hiking trails, and property boundaries.

Cut your tree so remaining stumps will be less than 10 inches in height.

Attach your tree tag after cutting and before transporting your tree.

Be prepared for winter - dress appropriately in warm clothing, and make your day a safe one.

Trek Across Maine offers new option

For decades, the Trek Across Maine has been known as the American Lung Association's premier cycling event in the country. The three-day cycling event takes participants on a spectacular journey from Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry all the way across the state of Maine to the finish line at Steamboat Landing Park in Belfast on the waterfront. The Trek has been held every Father's Day weekend for the past 31 years, typically hosting more than 2,000 participants and 700 volunteers each year and has raised more than \$22 million to support the Lung Association's lifesaving mission since its inception. Beginning in 2016, the Trek Across Maine will offer cyclists a new two-day option with a shorter mileage and time commitment, plus a lower fundraising minimum

to accommodate the broader audience of cyclists who are interested in being part of this event.

"We know that many Trekkers would like to ride in our Trek but either don't have the time to dedicate three full days to the Trek Across Maine or they have concerns about being able to ride the full 180 miles," said Jeff Seyler, President & CEO of the American Lung Association of the Northeast. "As a result, we're excited to announce that we are adding a two day option to accommodate those cyclists. Our goal is to continue growing this event and we're looking forward to an incredible turnout in 2016."

Those choosing the two-day option will start their ride at Colby College in Waterville on Saturday, June 18 and ride a 41-mile loop, finishing back at Colby College to enjoy all the food, entertain-

ment and activities associated with the full Trek experience on Saturday evening. All two-day and three-day trekkers begin the final leg of their ride at Colby College on Sunday morning and finish together on the waterfront at Steamboat Landing Park in Belfast.

The three-day ride is approximately 180 miles and the 2 day ride is approximately 97 miles. The fundraising minimum for the two-day option is \$450 (\$350 for ages 7-17). Cyclists riding for 3 days are required to raise \$550 (\$400 for ages 7-17). The 2016 Trek Across Maine will be held June 17-19, with the 2 day option taking place on June 18-19. To find out more about the Trek Across Maine or to register go to www.BikeTrekNewEngland.org. Those with questions should contact TrekAcrossMaine@LungNE.org.

WinterKids Passports available

The 2015-2016 WinterKids Passport, the ultimate winter activity discount book, is now available at WinterKids.org. The Passport is a great way for Maine families to try new winter activities, including downhill and cross country skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, snow tubing, snowshoeing and even dog sledding. Each and every 5th, 6th, and 7th grader in Maine is eligible for a Passport, which contains free and discounted tickets, lessons, and rentals at 50 outdoor recreation areas all over the state.

The WinterKids Passport helps kids turn the "winter doldrums" into positive, life changing experiences.

WinterKids Passport holders can also take advantage of Passport Perks, including WinterKids Retail Discount Days and WinterKids Family Days. Passport holders get deals and discounts at select Maine retailers and organizations. WinterKids Family Days are a way for Passport holders and their families to take advantage of deeply

discounted tickets on select dates throughout the winter. WinterKids Family Days:

- Lost Valley, Auburn: Jan. 10
- Mt. Abram, Greenwood: Feb. 7 and March 27
- Smiling Hill Farm, Westbrook: Feb. 27
- Shawnee Peak, Bridgton: March 4, and March 11

Learn more about Passport Perks at WinterKids.org.

WinterKids also offers a program for Maine's youngest students. The WinterKids FunPass allows kids from pre-school through 4th grade to try snowshoeing and cross-country skiing for free at 19 sites around Maine. The WinterKids FunPass is available for free at WinterKids.org.

WinterKids is the nonprofit organization that helps children develop healthy lifelong habits through education and fun, outdoor winter activity. WinterKids' Major Community Sponsor is Hanford. WinterKids' Support Sponsors are TD Bank, TD Charitable Foundation, L.L.Bean, and KIND.

Bethel Library announces 'Story Time'

The Bethel Library begins its winter Story Time series for young children on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. There will be two Story Times in December, on the 3rd and 10th. The theme is "winter" and the books read will include "The Lost Mitten" by Jan Brett and "Cross-Country Cat" by Mary Calhoun. Story Time will take a break during the holiday season and resume again in January.

Story Time helps young children learn early literacy skills, language and listening skills, cultivates their imagination and creativity, and provides an opportunity for socialization. Best of all, Story Time is fun! Children learn to love reading and coming to the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child.

The library is looking for parents, grandparents, and others who would like to read or sing with children during Story Time. To volunteer or for more information, call Michelle at the library at 824-2500. The Bethel Library is located at 5 Broad Street, across from the Common.

PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on December 14, 2015 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal for Cho Sun located at 141 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org
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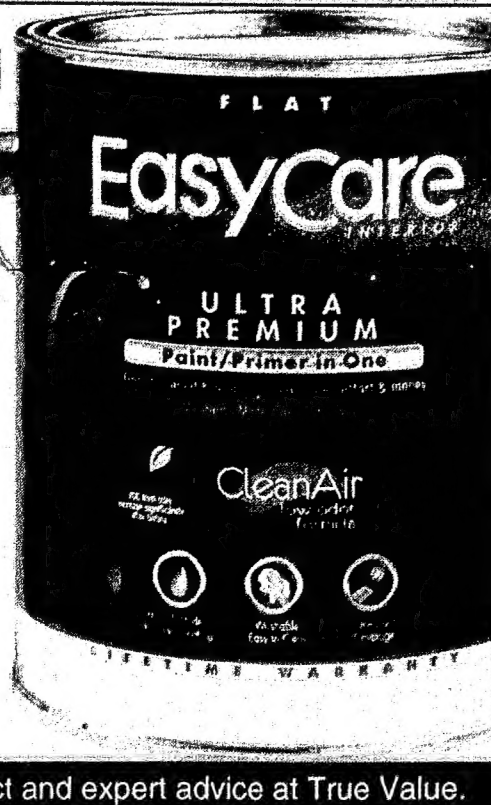
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CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL



CPS Fifth graders and staff dressed for the annual Halloween Parade.



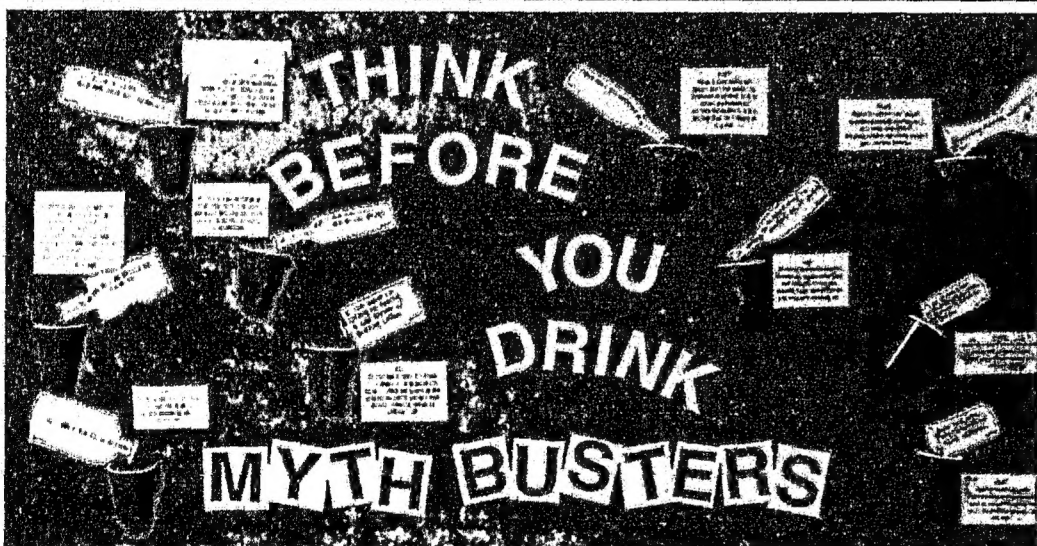
These fifth grade students - well over half of the grade- have taken the challenge to read at least three books from the Maine Student Book Award list by March, when they will join other readers across the state in voting for this year's winning book.

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY



WES fifth graders recently went on a field trip to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland. Students used the scientific method to investigate how humans, lobsters, Cod, Herring, and copepods interact in the Gulf of Maine.

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL



December 7th is Alcohol Awareness Day and schools across Maine will be participating in different activities to bring knowledge to students about the dangers of underage drinking. Telstar Middle School students will be viewing an important video titled, "When you say NO to Alcohol, what are you saying YES to?" followed by a class discussion. As part of this effort, the Telstar Middle School Peer Ambassadors, lead by school counselor, Stephanie Mastroianni, have created a bulletin board in their hallway that brings to light the many myths that youths create and generate about alcohol use. The facts are there to educate them and debunk these myths. Additionally, the Peer Ambassadors will be doing an educational piece on alcohol awareness in the upcoming Middle School assembly. The efforts of this young group continue to have an important impact on helping to create a positive and enthusiastic environment for their peers!



The Telstar Middle school faculty was proud to present Super Star awards to three very deserving students for the month of October. Each has displayed excellent citizenship, leadership and perseverance and serves as a positive role model to their peers. TMS is a better place because they are here! Pictured: 8th grader, Ainsley Brown; 6th grader Bella DeVivo; 7th grader, Evie Montagna

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL



Caleb Wilday, Calvin Glover, and Hunter Williamson helped make this blanket chest in Mr. O'Connor's Wood Technology class to help support area students who have cancer. This worked into the random act of kindness as part of class. Raffle tickets are available in the Telstar High School office, if you would like to support the fund raising effort.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Northern Vista at Home Senior Care; Free shuttle service to those going to reoccurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride, call Gerry McCann, director, at 207-836-2173.

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at bean@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Friday, Nov. 27

Annual Local Craft and Wares Fair; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center. You will find knit items, baskets, quilts & quilted items, handmade jewelry, jams, jellies, pickles, holiday decorations, photography, paintings, fiber art, weaving, soaps, creams, lotions, balsam products, wooden items, and much more. FMI: 207-824-2282.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m. at the north end of the Bethel town common near the Chapman Inn. Rides given by Deepwood Farm, sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

River Valley All Catholic School Alumni Reunion; 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Savior followed by dinner downstairs in the parish hall to be held at St. Athanasius & St. John's Church, 126 Main Street, Rumford. Alumni from St. Athanasius & St. John's, St. Theresa's and Holy Savior are invited to attend. Reservations: Marie (491-7524).

Saturday, Nov. 28

Annual Wreath Sale; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Second Congregational Church UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. All proceeds will benefit the many missions of the Second Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. If you wish to pre-order a wreath, please contact the church office at 207-743-2290 or e-mail: seconch@megalink.net.

Annual Holiday Open House; 1 to 5 p.m., Harvest Gold Gallery, 1082 Main Street, Lovell. This year we will be welcoming local artist Robin Taylor-Chiraello with her new children's book, "Limbo, African Slave to Honored Grave" Based on a true story about some of America's darkest history and a local Fryeburg Family who saved the day. Wine and refreshments will be served.

Public Smorgasbord Supper; 5 to 6 p.m., 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 12 and under. Sponsored by VFW Post 9787.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5.

"Paradise Waits" Screening; 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. screening (all ages) 8 to 9 p.m. "Light up the Gem" kick-off party, 9 p.m. film screening (21+), The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. "Paradise Waits" is the most recent ski and snowboard film from Teton Gravity Research. Join us at The Gem to get ready for winter! There will be prizes, too! Tickets: \$10. FMI/Tickets: www.thegemtheater.com or [Facebook.com/TheGemTheater](https://www.facebook.com/TheGemTheater).

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m., Sunday River. Watch a brilliant display of colors light up the winter sky above the slopes of Sunday River. Fireworks are best viewed slopeside or on the deck at the Foggy Goggle.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Gould Academy's Ordway Hall, Church Street, Bethel. Adults/\$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Children/\$5. Proceeds to benefit community projects and scholarships.

Music of December - A Concert Class; 3 to 4:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. A variety of religious and popular songs of the season will be discussed and performed by an ensemble of local and imported musicians, including a chorus, soloists and instrumentalists.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

Rumford Hospital Auxiliary InDesign Jewelry Sale; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rumford Hospital, Conference Room A (on the ground floor). InDesign features a great assortment of jewelry and accessories starting at just \$6 (30 to 75 percent off department store prices). Cash, checks, Visa and Master Card are all accepted. Payroll deduction is available for those employed at the hospital and medical practices.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Mundt-Allen Legion Christmas Party Reservation Deadline; Reservations for the Dec. 8 Christmas Party must be made by calling Bob McCartney 836-3575 or Bob Everett 836-2038. See Dec. 8 listing for further details.

#GivingTuesday and #MakingBANC; Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Donations go directly to supporting over 80 individuals in Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin counties. Please make checks payable to "Hope Association." Secure online donations can also be made by visiting www.hopeassociation.org.

Bethel Senior Citizen Reservation Deadline;

Reservations for the December Bethel Senior Citizens meeting and luncheon must be received by this date. See Dec. 9 listing for details.

Dec. 2, 9 and 16

Holiday Carol Singing Workshop; 5 to 6 p.m., Telstar High School Room 218. This workshop is for singers hoping to gain more choral experience. We will practice holiday carol singing in part harmony. The first two classes are indoors, on the third class, we will go caroling out in the community. Instructor: Simon Smith. Tuition: \$10. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or sad44.maineadulted.org.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad St. (across from the Common). The theme for the December Story Time for young children is "winter." Books read will include The Lost Mitten and Cross-Country Cat. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2580.

Open House for Newry Town Administrator Loretta Powers; 4 to 6 p.m., Newry Grange Hall. Please join us for refreshments and to wish Retta well in her next adventure.

Friday, Dec. 4

Cookies With Santa at Woodstock Elementary School; Santa lights the town Christmas tree at 6 p.m. and the fire department brings Santa over to the Woodstock School where students and their families may visit with Santa. There will be tables of crafts for students to make and lots of cookies to eat.

LRCC Winter Concert; 7 p.m., Twitchell Chapel, Bridgton Academy. The Lake Region Community Chorus (LRCC) program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between. Come and hear these energetic singers perform old favorites like I'll Be Home for Christmas and Happy Holidays as well as traditional carols that include an English medley and Go Tell it on the Mountain. Suggested donation: \$5 to \$10 (not required).

Saturday, Dec. 5

Greens Sale; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, cookie walk and food.

Children's Book Signing; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Books 'n' Things, Main Street, Norway. Local author, Billie Lou Damon, and local illustrator, Stephanie Fowler, will do book signings of their children's book, Princess Bella Bling and Wizard Wiz Wayne: A Maine Fairytale.

Annual Christmas Fair and Tea; 1 to 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Join us for a festive traditional tea and at the fair featuring Christmas and other handmade crafts, a cookie walk, attic treasures, and delicious food from bread to pickles. FMI: 824-2689, westparishucc@gmail.com or our website: www.bethelcongregationalchurch.org.

Christmas at the Mason House; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. Music and refreshments in the Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional 19th Century style and illuminated by candles. FMI: 824-2908.

Parade of Lights and Family Christmas Festival; The Berlin Main Street Program and Kiwanis Parade of Lights will start at 4 p.m. by the 12th Street Bridge, Berlin, N.H. and travel south to Heritage Park for the Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Festival. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with the kids from 4 to 8 p.m., and there will be free hayrides, hot chocolate, children's games, prizes, and food for purchase. The evening will conclude with an 8 p.m. fireworks display, viewable from Heritage Park and all along the River Walk.

Lighting of the Memorial Christmas Tree on the Lawn of the Methodist Church; 6 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. Refreshments in the dining room after the tree lighting. Bulbs for the tree in honor or memory of people may be purchased for \$5 each. The names of persons honored will be read at the lighting ceremony. FMI: 824-2483.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club meeting; 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, located off Route 5, Andover. A potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m., to be followed at 7 p.m. by a regular club meeting. All club members and interested people are invited to attend the supper and the meeting and to bring a dish to share. The fall 50/50 drawing will happen at the meeting.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Oxford County Democrats Meeting; 12 noon, Crescent Park School, Bethel. A potluck lunch will precede the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to bring something to share. The meeting will include general business with reports on recent activities, candidate recruitment and planning for the Presidential caucuses on March 6, 2016. FMI: Cathy Newell (875-2116) or <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>.

Taize Service; 4 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Paris Street, Norway. Worship in the Taize tradition includes simple chants and songs, sung a Capella or with very simple musical accompaniment such as flute or guitar; short Scripture readings and/or meditation and contemplation by the light of flickering candles. Sometimes icons are included as a way of focusing one's thoughts and prayers in the silence. This service provides an opportunity for those who consider themselves "Spiritual But Not Religious" and might not be comfortable at a regular Sunday morning worship service. All are welcome and are invited to come and join in this special worship tradition.

Mahoosuc Community Band Winter Concert; 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Monday, Dec. 7

Children's Stage Adventures Auditions; 3 p.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will be cast to appear in the CSA production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. **Socrates Café Meeting;** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: The American Health System: Is It Working? Moderator: Therese Johnson. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Bethel Rotary's Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon; 12 noon, Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. Area Senior Citizens are welcome for a ham lunch with all the "fixins."

Mundt-Allen Legion Post 81 Christmas Party; 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, the Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Please Call Bob McCartney 836-3575 or Bob Everett 836-2038, to give number of people and Choice of entree. The cut-off date is Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon; 11 a.m., Sudbury Inn. Menu is baked haddock or beef steak. Reservations must be made before Dec. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Price of dinner is \$15.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad St. (across from the Common). The theme for the December Story Time for young children is "winter." Books read will include The Lost Mitten and Cross-Country Cat. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2580.

CELEBRATE! The Andy Project; 6 p.m., Sunday River Brewing Company, corner of Route 2 and Sunday River Road, Bethel. Join in the celebration of the new Andy Barlow home. Andy will honor the Hanover Volunteers of the Year and Ben Byam will weigh out as he concludes his weight loss challenge for the cause. Food and drink available for purchase. Limited edition Andy Project souvenirs, rafles and fun! Kate Carroll, Emcee. Open to the public. For more info contact HanoverMeNews@gmail.com or call 603-553-1973.

Friday, Dec. 11

CSA Presents The Emperor's New Clothes; 7 p.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will present "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Texas Hold'em Tournament; Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 12 noon, Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, high hand options, pull tabs, 50/50, light meals and beverages. BYOB. FMI: Ray 890-3737 or 875-2375.

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Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Potluck Holiday Party; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Linwood Swett will be giving a demonstration on insulating your hives with Styrofoam. Everyone's welcome. FMI: Kevin (farrou@roadrunner.com) or visit mainehoneybees.com.

Christmastide Choir Concert; 3 p.m., Second Congregational Church UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. This year's concert will also include songs by the Children's Theater Workshop and a performance by professional dancer Debi Irons. The concert is free to the public, by tickets are required. Tickets will be available at Books 'n' Things on Saturday, Nov. 28. A reception with Christmas goodies and punch will follow the concert.

Monday, Dec. 14

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Telstar Library.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar's Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Featuring performances from the middle and high school bands and choirs.

Saturday, Dec. 19

"Ghost Buck: One Man's Family and their Hunting Traditions" Book Launch; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall. Long-standing American wilderness champion Dean Bennett, a native of Locke's Mills in Greenwood, weaves together memoir, natural history, politics, and emotion into a volume chock-full of information about hunting in a changing world and the legends of the elusive Ghost Buck that haunted his family's camp. The event is free, refreshments will be served, and copies of Dean Bennett's book will be available for purchase and signing.

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REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.
SAD 44 School Board: Second and/or fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info or go to http://www.sad44.org/pages/MSAD_44_Bethel/School_Board).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover
 Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.
Bethel
 First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.: Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.
 Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.: Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.
Wednesdays
 Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (no class Nov. 25) at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com
 Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.: Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.
 Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.: Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.
 Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.
Saturdays
 Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 8am and 9:30am at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com
Woodstock
 Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.: Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the museum.
West Paris
 Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.: West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith

based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Norway

Third Wednesday of the month: Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.
 Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.
 Fridays 9:15 a.m.: Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzl16@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE Voices

24-hour hotline: 1-800-559-2927. Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806.

AA Meetings/help

Bethel Freedom Group: Open Discussion Meeting (seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1) Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room, at Sunday River Resort.

At United Methodist Church (Main Street, Bethel): Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m.

Cancer Support

Northern Vista at Home Senior Care offers a free shuttle service to those going to re-occurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride call Gerry McCann, director at 207-836-2173.

Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m.: Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange: Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Bethel Food Pantry: serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street. (Donations should be left on porch at 57 Elm Street. Questions, contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 207-824-0369.)

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc.: operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway

area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Lyme Disease

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m.: Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 8 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m.: Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club: 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris: Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts: provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

Caregiver Support Group: Second Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Paris Town Office, 26 Kingsbury Street. This group is for anyone caring for a family member or friend with memory loss. New members may join at any time. Free and open to the public. FMI: SeniorPlus (1-800-427-1241).

Alzheimer's Support Group: meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group: for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

CHURCH SERVICES

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Linda Couture, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church-Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Rd, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House Church - Bethel House Church meets the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Eucharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Timothy LeConey. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2669.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 8:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbles ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel.

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/ Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singership third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday

School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m.; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m.; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m.; Friday Mass 8 a.m.; Saturday Mass 4 p.m.; Saturday Mass 6 p.m.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-8356.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church-208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club)- 6 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies' Bible Study- Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome. Mahosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - HOLIDAY DINNER

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Which Thanksgiving beverage is very sad?

- BREAD
- CAKE
- CASSEROLE
- CORN
- CREAM PUFFS
- DUCK
- HAM
- LEMONADE
- MILK
- PECAN PIE
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- ROLLS
- SALAD
- SQUASH SOUP
- TARTS
- TURKEY
- YAMS

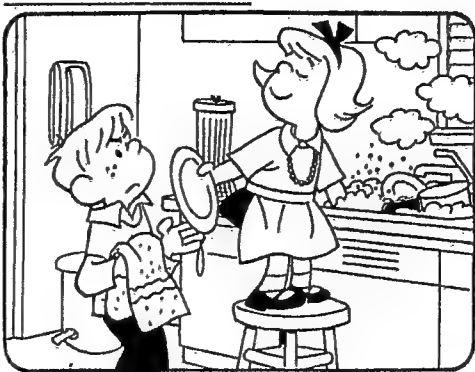
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T U R K E Y H D E R
P E C A N P I E R C

Riddle answer: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Phone is missing. 2. Towel is shorter. 3. Blender is missing.
4. Beads are missing. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pan is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals L

XH X YNGE DKVC KVV NOJE
ILDJVH KTU UN K OKEXJCL KPC,
LNG PNGVU DKL X'I K DJKDNTJU
YJEHNEIJE.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"First thing we gotta get you, boss, is a new _____!"

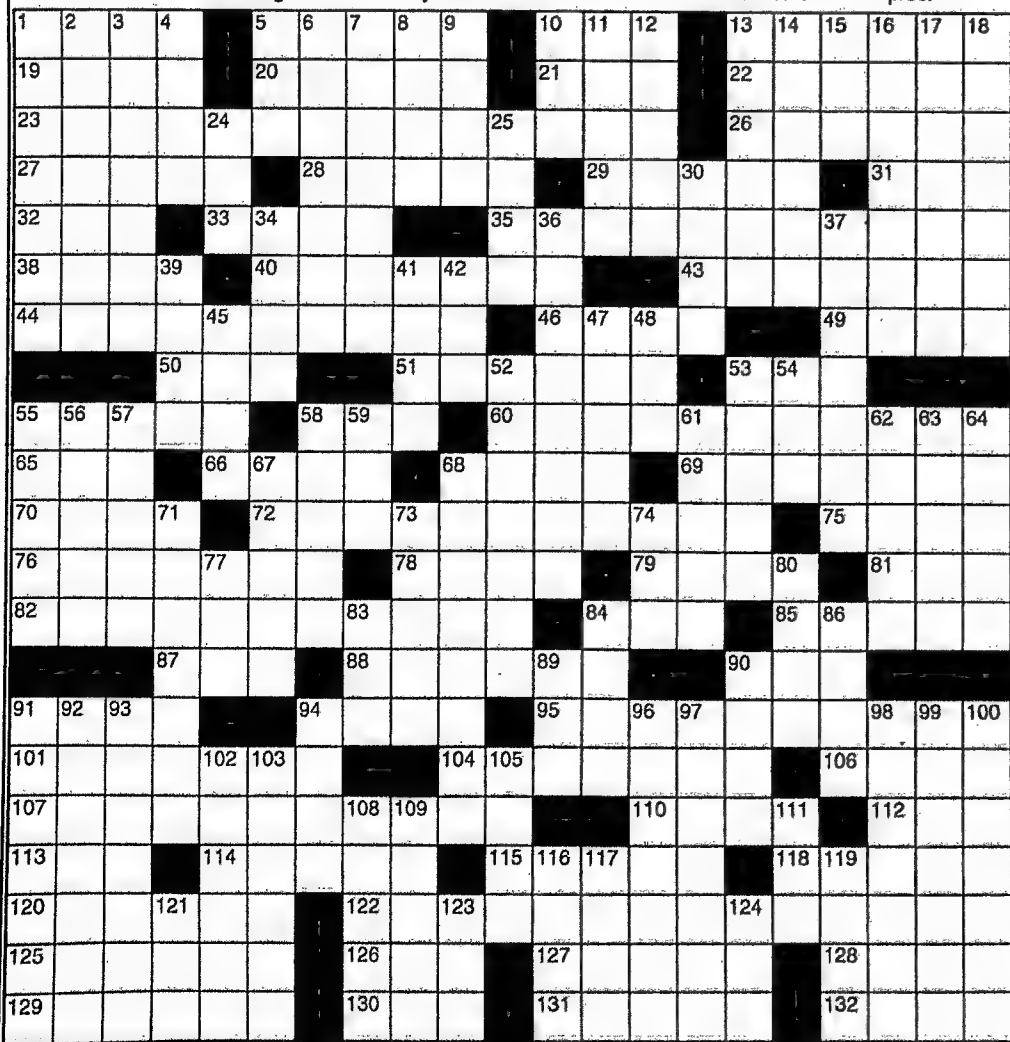
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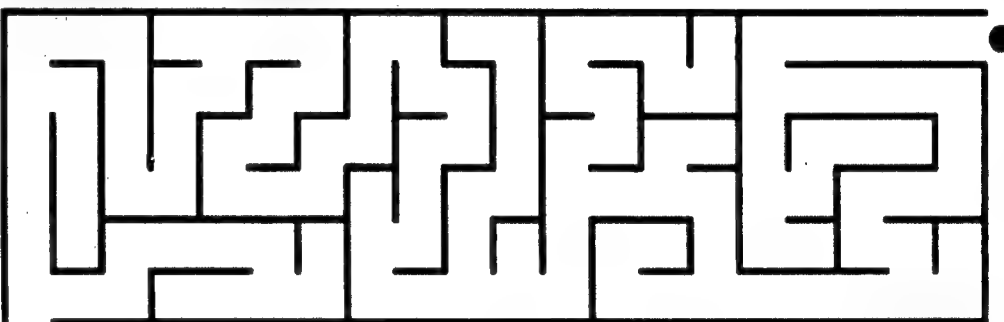
Super Crossword

L-IMINATION

- ACROSS
- 1 Start for legal or chute
 - 5 Dame Nellie of opera
 - 10 Dem's rival political gp.
 - 13 B flat's equivalent
 - 19 Portent
 - 20 Dlarist Nin
 - 21 "No —, and's or but's"
 - 22 Person ogling
 - 23 Escorted one's rival?
 - 26 Lemon-lime soft drink
 - 27 Wipe the slate clean
 - 28 Stand in an art studio
 - 29 Saint — (Caribbean island)
 - 31 Ending for dull or drunk
 - 32 Border
 - 33 Dress in Goa
 - 35 Weekend time spent with pals?
 - 38 Luau strings, for short
 - 40 Large, red apple variety
 - 43 "Be quiet!"
 - 44 Actors in a film featuring church ministers?
 - 46 Position
 - 49 Ticked (off) or "takers?"
 - 51 Nasal partition
 - 53 Moray, say
 - 55 One-named flamenco entertainer
 - 58 Rowdydow
 - 60 Cry to comic
 - 62 Sales when he's losing his grip?
 - 65 With 66— Across, drudge's routine
 - 66 See 65— Across
 - 68 Army post
 - 69 More audacious
 - 70 "— ask is that ..."
 - 72 Laryngitic pigeon's comment?
 - 75 Positive
 - 76 Sir Walter Scott novel
 - 78 Muhammad and Laila of the ring
 - 79 — cava
 - 81 Soldier of Seoul
 - 82 Situation when a fuel gauge is at 50%?
 - 84 Balking beast
 - 85 "Oro y —" (motto of Montana)
 - 87 Prefix with cyclist
 - 88 Got old due to excess
 - 90 "— always say ..."
 - 91 Address for a lady
 - 94 1976-81 sketch show
 - 95 Watch over a 787?
 - 101 As a group
 - 104 One making an attempt
 - 106 Tech caller
 - 107 Walk with no lights on?
 - 110 Tax doc.
 - 112 Plains tribe
 - 113 Mouthwash bottle abbr.
 - 114 Did autumn yard work
 - 115 Peter & Gordon's "— Pieces"
 - 118 Loft
 - 120 Species-crossing
 - 122 Things that a drum-playing lush has?
 - 125 Like sweet-hearts
 - 126 Stooze name
 - 127 Like many shiny floors
 - 128 Impressionist
 - 129 Seesaw
 - 130 Quit delaying
 - 131 Veil wearer
 - 132 Contradict
 - 36 Parvenus
 - 37 Bottom-line red ink
 - 39 With 57— Down, map book for an astronomer
 - 41 Old filling station name
 - 42 Beatified Fr. woman
 - 45 — about (roughly)
 - 47 — del Este, Uruguay
 - 48 Texier's "Holy cow!"
 - 52 In a lake way
 - 53 2001 bankruptcy company
 - 54 Juan's "that" Jenny —
 - 56 Turkish confection
 - 57 See 39— Down
 - 58 Emeril Lagasse's "There's — in My Soup!"
 - 59 Narc hirer
 - 61 Clarinets' kin
 - 62 "Star Trek" lieutenant
 - 63 Politico Ross
 - 64 California city
 - 65 Actor Studi
 - 67 Garlic mayo
 - 68 Toppled
 - 71 Barbare
 - 73 Bank sale
 - 74 Rite Aid rival
 - 77 — Solo
 - 80 Lhasa —
 - 83 TV watchdog
 - 84 1998 Sarah McLachlan song
 - 86 Stead
 - 89 911 gp.
 - 90 "— Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)
 - 91 Blockbuster
 - 92 Pain reliever
 - 93 Genial
 - 94 Try to find
 - 96 Big Apple cab words
 - 97 Testified under oath, old-style
 - 98 Uranium 235, for one
 - 99 Web habitué
 - 100 Food store
 - 102 Try hard
 - 103 Parasol, e.g.
 - 105 Short parody
 - 108 Skin: Prefix
 - 109 — committee
 - 111 Religious day of rest: Abbr.
 - 116 41st U.S. pres.
 - 117 Actor Epps
 - 119 Frog cousin
 - 121 Go to seed
 - 123 To this point
 - 124 34th U.S. pres.



Kids' Maze

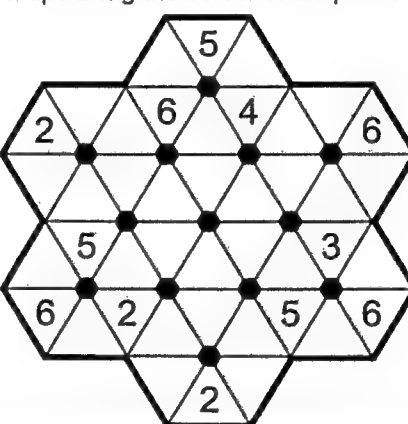


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

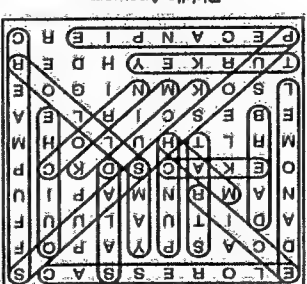
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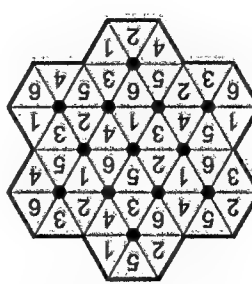


Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
3. Abundant; 4. Gentle
1. Askew; 2. Grunge;
solution
answer
If I pour salt all over myself and do a variety act, you could say I'm a seasoned performer.



Answers



Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

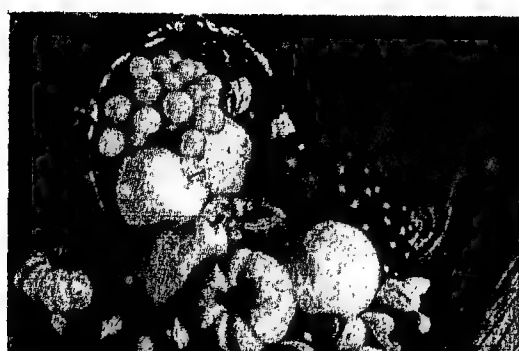
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Happening Around Town

Thanksgiving Potluck & Last Waltz Movie Screening Friday, November 27

Join us at The Gem for a Thanksgiving potluck (BYOB) with friends to view The Band's 1976 farewell concert filmed on Thanksgiving! Social hour starts around 6 or so - movie screening around 7 pm.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides Friday, November 27

Horse-drawn wagon rides for the whole family! 1-3pm. Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

Local Crafts & Wares Fair Friday, November 27

Every year it's Friday, the day after Thanksgiving - tradition's biggest shopping day of the year! Shop locally (if you live here!); shop small-town "handmade" (if you are visiting!) Get that shopping done early! Local crafters including kitchenware, natural bath & body products, jewelry, holiday decor, knit items, jams, jellies, pickles, quilted items, wooden ware products, and lots more. Located at the Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center. Friday, 9-4. FMI: 207-824-2282.

Small Business Saturday Saturday, November 28

Bethel area businesses are part of a nationwide movement to shop with local small businesses whenever possible.

A Country Breakfast in Bethel Sunday, November 29

Rotary's Annual Country Pancake Breakfast with all the fixin's 7:30 - 11 am at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy on Church Street, Bethel ME. Adult \$8 advance; \$10 at the door. Children under 12 \$5. Proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships.

Music of December - A Concert Class Sunday, November 29

A variety of religious and popular songs of the season will be discussed and performed by an ensemble of local and imported musicians, including a chorus, soloists, and instrumentalists. Local musician and composer Tom Davis will coordinate and direct. At West Parish Congregational Church Chapel from 3-4:30pm. FMI 824-2780



Think Local for Black Friday and Small Business Saturday

There are so many reasons to shop locally as much as possible, and there are two fun and easy ways to do it this week in Bethel.

On Black Friday, November 27, over 30 vendors from the Bethel area and around western Maine will sell their handmade products at the annual Local Craft & Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. It will be packed with jewelry, knits, bath and body products, holiday and home décor, wood products - lots of things that look pretty, smell good, and feel right. Make sure to buy tickets to win prizes from the vendors, and enjoy free horse-drawn wagon rides throughout the village from 1-3 p.m.

Bethel will be part of a nationwide movement for **Small Business Saturday** on November 28. Look for the blue and white balloons at participating stores. American Express customers can register at smallbusinessaturday.com to receive a \$10 credit on their statements if they make a \$10 or more purchase at eligible stores. You might be surprised at just how much shopping you can get done in one trip around Bethel!

Maple-Topped Sweet Potato Skins

6 sweet potatoes
1/2 cup cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sour cream
2 tsp cinnamon, divided
2 tsp nutmeg, divided
2 tsp ground ginger, divided
2 cups chopped walnuts or pecans
3 tbsp butter, softened
1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
Garnish: warm maple syrup, additional nuts

Pierce potatoes with a fork. Bake at 400 degrees or microwave on high setting until tender; cool. Slice each potato in half lengthwise; scoop out baked insides, keeping skins intact. Place potato skins on an ungreased baking sheet. Mash baked potato in a bowl until smooth; add cream cheese, sour cream and one teaspoon each of spices. Mix well and spoon into potato skins. In a bowl, mix nuts, butter, brown sugar and remaining spices; sprinkle over top. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Drizzle with warm maple syrup; garnish as desired. Makes one dozen.

Roast Turkey & Cranberry Dressing

8 oz. pkg. stuffing mix
1/2 cup hot water
2 tbsp butter, softened
1 onion, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries
3 lb. boneless turkey breast
1/4 tsp dried basil
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper

Place stuffing mix in a slow cooker. Add water, butter, onion, celery and cranberries, mix well. Sprinkle turkey with seasonings, place on top of stuffing mixture. Cover and cook on low setting for 6 to 7 hours. Remove turkey to a cutting board, stir stuffing until thoroughly mixed. Let turkey and stuffing stand for 5 minutes. Spoon stuffing onto a platter and top with sliced turkey. Serves 4 to 6.

Grandma's Buttery Mashed Potatoes

6 to 8 potatoes, peeled and cubed
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup evaporated milk
salt & pepper taste
Garnish: additional butter, fresh chives

Cover potatoes with water in a large saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook until tender, about 15 minutes; drain. Add remaining ingredients. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until blended and creamy. Serves 8 to 12. Garnish as desired.

Herbed Corn Bake

1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup cream cheese, softened
1/4 tsp onion salt
1 tbsp fresh chives, chopped
10 oz. pkg. frozen corn, thawed

Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Add cream cheese, onion salt and chives, stirring until cheese melts. Add corn; mix well. Spoon into an ungreased 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. Cover and bake at 325 degrees until bubbly, about 45 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Brown Sugar Acorn Squash

2 acorn squash, halved and seeded
2 tbsp butter, sliced
2 tbsp brown sugar, packed
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground ginger

Arrange squash halves cut-side up in an ungreased 13"x9" baking pan. Place 1/2 tablespoon butter in each half; sprinkle with sugar and spices. Add about 1/2 inch of water to the pan. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour, or until squash is tender. Makes 4 servings.

Garlic Green Beans

1 to 2 lbs. green beans, trimmed
2 tbsp olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
salt to taste

Place beans and a small amount of water in a microwave-safe dish. Cover and microwave on high for 5 minutes. Heat oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add beans and garlic; cook and stir until crisp-tender. Sprinkle with salt to taste. Serves 6.

Mother's Rolls

1 env. active dry yeast
3/4 cup water
3 1/2 cup biscuit baking mix, divided
1 tbsp sugar
1/4 cup butter, melted
Garnish: additional melted butter

Dissolve yeast in warm water (110 to 115 degrees); let stand 5 minutes. Place 2-1/2 cups biscuit mix in a large bowl; stir in sugar. Add yeast mixture, stirring vigorously. Sprinkle work surface generously with remaining biscuit mix. Place dough on surface and knead 15 to 20 times. Shape heaping tablespoons of dough into balls; arrange on a lightly greased baking sheet. Cover dough with a damp tea towel; set aside in a warm place to rise, about one hour. Brush rolls with melted butter. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden. Remove rolls from oven; brush again with melted butter while hot. Makes 15 rolls.

New England Pumpkin Pie

6 tbsp brown sugar
2 tbsp sugar
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp ground cloves
1/2 cup molasses
3 eggs, separated
2 cups cooked pumpkin
1 1/2 cups whipping cream
2 tbsp rum OR 1 tsp rum extract
10-inch pie crust

Combine sugars, salt and spices. Add molasses and egg yolks; mix well. Stir in pumpkin, cream and rum or rum extract. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold into pumpkin mixture. Pour filling into pie crust. Bake at 425 degrees for 45 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serves 6 to 8.

Harvest Apple Cheesecake

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 cup butter, melted and divided
1 tbsp cinnamon
3 apples, cored, peeled and sliced into 12 rings
4 eggs, beaten
3/4 cup sugar
8 oz. container ricotta cheese
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
2 tsp vanilla extract
8 oz. container whipping cream
Garnish: cinnamon

Combine cracker crumbs, brown sugar, 1/4 cup butter and cinnamon. Press onto bottom and partway up sides of an ungreased 9" springform pan. In a skillet, sauté apple slices on both sides in remaining butter. Arrange 6 apple slices on prepared crust. In a bowl, beat eggs, sugar, ricotta cheese, cream cheese and vanilla until smooth. Add whipping cream and blend well. Pour cheese mixture into pan. Arrange remaining apple slices on top and press apples slightly under the mixture. Sprinkle top with cinnamon. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 300 degrees and bake for 50 to 55 minutes. Cool and refrigerate overnight. Serves 8 to 12.



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Universalist Church December services

December is a month of many distinguishing elements: a season of joy, family and friends, a sense of community and at the same time we enter the coldest and darkest time of the year, the shortest day is in December, the winter solstice. The comfort in joining together in community during Sunday worship services brings special warmth with it. Please join us for worship services at the First Universalist Church of West Paris, for warmth and inspiration, Sundays at 9 a.m. followed by refreshments. We enjoy a nice mix of services provided by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, guest speakers and the worship service committee.

Dec. 6, "A Prayer for

Peace" With the arrival of winter's low dark sky, communities around the world look to the miracle of light as a sign of rebirth and a source of hope. As this service we will explore our hopes for peace in our own lives and peace on earth. Led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson.

Dec. 13, "Imparting Wisdom Ain't a Bad Thing" American comedy often surrounds Grandma or Great Uncle Joe's folly or clumsiness. Yet, in reality those of a certain age have insights and wisdom worth sharing. There's no mystery in exploring this path. The trick seems to be doing it...Oh, and overcoming the media's caricature. Led by guest speaker, Maryli Tiemann.

Dec. 20, "A Solstice Blessing" The Winter Solstice is one of the seasonal turning points that remind us of our planetary unity. As we consider humanity's shared solstice experience, we'll also focus on both the inner peace found at this sacred time and the environmental awareness solstice celebrations convey. Led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson.

Dec. 24, "Christmas Eve" 5 p.m. This service will be a traditional service of readings and carols for the whole family. There will be special music and participants from the congregation. Invite your friends and families! Led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson.

Dec. 27, "Simple Acts of Self-Determination"

As Unitarian Universalists we nurture a spiritual journey of self-culture. On this second day of Kwanzaa we'll reflect on the principle of "self-determination" and how simple acts of self-determination shape our lives. Led by Bernice Martin, a graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary; she is a member of the Norway UU church and often preaches there.

For more information about the church and services, please contact Marta Clements, 674-2143, mclements96894@roadrunner.com, or Bob Clifford at 674-3442, bobarlen@megalink.net. To learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, please visit <http://www.uua.org/>.

Age-Friendly Community news

The Age-Friendly Community Project Team in Bethel is exploring nine Livability Factors that affect the quality of life for seniors - eight as defined by AARP and WHO (World Health Organization) and one we've added. Our research into Bethel's status is still in progress, and our preliminary reports are available in the Bethel Library (red folders on a dedicated bookshelf) and Bethel Family Health Center.

AARP has conducted a comprehensive study of communities nationwide. If you visit their website (<https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/>) and plug in the zip code 04217, you will get Bethel's score. Click on the various items to get an explanation of what each one means. There are also

many AARP resources available from this web site.

A brand-new Bethel-based service we've just learned about: Free Rides to Chemo Appointments - Northern Vista at Home Senior Care now offers a free shuttle service to those going to recurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or CMMC hospitals in Lewiston. To schedule a ride, call Gerry McCann, Director, at 207-836-2173.

Know of something interesting happening in another community, something helpful for an aging population? Think it would be worthwhile for Bethel to consider? Feel free to pass along any creative ideas to Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110)

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| Committee | Number of Vacancies | Length of Term (Years) |
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| Appeals Board | 1 | 3 |
| Appeals Board | 1 | 2 |
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Obituaries



IAIN HERSEY

Iain Ashley Hersey, 60, of Glendale, Calif., died Wednesday Nov. 18, 2015 in Los Angeles following a brief illness. He was born Aug. 14, 1955 to Jean and Bill Hersey of Rumford Center. He graduated from Rumford High School in 1973 and attended Berkley School of Music in Boston. There he studied music theory with

exposure to jazz and classical music but his main interest continued to be rock music. Throughout his life he was devoted to music, performing in several bands in high school including Wolfe, Ash and Rich Lady.

After living in Maine, Boston and New York City, Iain relocated to the West Coast where he taught at Musician's Institute in Los Angeles for several years and then left to pursue his own musical career. He played and recorded with some of the top musicians worldwide and has tracks on many well-known CDs. His own CDs include: Vintage Love a Best of compilation 2012; Nomad released November 2007; The Holy Grail released November 2005; and Fallen Angel, 2003.

Iain is survived by his significant other Carrie Schiers of

Glendale, Calif.; brothers Jim Hersey and Jenn Mosley of Sandy Spring, Md.; David and Vickie Hersey of Springfield, Mo.; and sister Jane and Jim Chandler of Bryant Pond.

He was predeceased by his parents Jean and Bill Hersey.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderson.com.

A celebration of Iain's life and music will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Weston Farm, 1554 Route 2, Rumford Center. Musicians are requested to bring instruments. Donation in his memory may be made to your favorite animal rescue agency. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meador & Son Funeral Home 3 Franklin Street, Rumford.

Engagement

JAMES - SPRATT

Rick and Tammy James of Bethel and Dan and Linda Lunt of Bar Harbor, with joy, announce the engagement of their children, Whitney James, and William Kyle Spratt, of East Boston. Kyle is also the son of the late Donald Spratt. Whitney is the granddaughter of Barbara James and the late Richard James and Lorraine Legere and the late Robert Legere. Kyle is the grandson of the late Kathleen Dixon and William Dixon and the late Hugh Spratt and Anne Spratt.

Whitney graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in social work, and is employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a social worker.

Kyle graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in mechanical engi-



neering, and is employed by Raytheon as an engineer. The wedding will take place Labor Day weekend, 2016.

Kyle and Whitney, along with their beloved dogs, make their home in East Boston.

Long Distance Learning class in West Paris

SeniorsPlus, the designated Western Maine Agency on Aging, announces the November offering of their Long Distance Learning program, connecting community members in the West Paris area with live educational seminars being held at the Lewiston Education Center of SeniorsPlus.

The class, From Summit to Sea Level: Weather Forecasting, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. at the West Paris Library in West Paris.

The instructor, Sarah L. Long will tell her tales about "weathering" Mt. Washington and forecasting at Channel 8. Sarah will also share with us how to be a "weather spotter" and how to join the weather spotter community in Maine.

Community members who wish to join the classroom at the West Paris Library need to register with SeniorsPlus. The class is free and all are welcome. For more information and to register, call 1-800-427-1241.

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Prentice wins national scholarship

The National Law Enforcement & Firefighters Children's Foundation (NLEAFCF) has announced McCaella Prentice, of Bryant Pond,

as a recipient of the NLEAFCF Scholarship, according to a press release. McCaella received the scholarship in recognition of her excep-

tional leadership, community service and scholastic achievement.

McCaella was one of 25 students from across the country to receive the award, which is based on academic merit and financial need. The recipients are all children of a law enforcement officer or firefighter who was killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

"First responders have given so much to defend and protect us. How better to honor their commitment to all of us than to ensure that their children achieve their full potential. Helping to better pay for their college and complete their higher education is the least we can do to honor these law enforcement and firefighters' families," said NLEAFCF President

and Founder Al Kahn.

"McCaella has demonstrated leadership among her peers and exceptional scholastic achievements as well as community service. We are proud to be a part of helping McCaella achieve her academic goals."

McCaella is a freshman at St. Lawrence University, majoring in biology on the pre-medical track. McCaella said she is certain she wants to pursue a career in medicine upon completing her undergraduate studies, and hopes to focus her career in epidemiology, the study of diseases and pathogens. McCaella has seen great success in her academics throughout high school, receiving all honor roll grades while taking both AP and honors level classes.

Aside from her academics, McCaella was a dedicated athlete in high school. She was a member of the Varsity Soccer, Ice Hockey and Softball Teams. McCaella was awarded the Reed Award for Athletic Excellence at her graduation. She was also named the MVP of the Softball Team and received the Coach's award. In addition to her athletics, McCaella spent time volunteering at a camp to remove invasive species from local lakes.

McCaella's father was a member of the Murrells Inlet and Garden City Fire Rescue until he suffered a traumatic spine injury while working in April of 2005.

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